

SILETZ VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
Board of Director's Meeting
MINUTES
Tuesday, January 20, 2026
18:00

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:

The Meeting of the Siletz Valley Fire District Board of Directors was called to order at 18:00 by Board of Directors President Rick Olson, present were, Gerry Schmit, Dixie Morford and Katie Saaty.

Patti Skauge was absent.

Staff in attendance were Fire Chief Dave Lapof, Dept Chief Daniel Morford Volunteer Coordinator and Office Administrator(s) and Teresa Daily.

GUESTS:

Sunshine Keck as citizen and representing the Friends of the Siletz Library.
Cassie Lorimor- New Office Administrator.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: n/a

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sunshine wanted to thank Dave for writing the letter for the Library for the grant for fire perimeter.

MINUTES

Approval of minutes from December 16,2025: Moved by Dixie and 2nd by Gerry – Motion Passed

CORRESPONDENCE – Resilient Oregon, Christmas card, donation and Leadership training- there is money in the Board Training Fund for those who want to go.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- After meeting with Grimstad there will be some upcoming changes. Discussed how they want it described in the budget.
- Loan as input on P & L
- Budget Supplement upcoming, all areas will need adjusting. Date to be determined.
- Meeting with Signe
 - Wanting to get Quickbooks in alignment, P & L is on track to be in alignment.

- Audit “violations”- if we receive more income than expected or have expences exceeding the budget in any line item, the supplemental budget needs to happen prior to action (income or expense) taking place.
- Waiting on tribe contributions.
- Taxes received-actual is about 4% less than expected. Gerry is going to meet with the County Assessor to figure out the difference in numbers.
- FEMA Reimbursement- Pending Performance Report Approval, it was resubmitted and no word yet.
- Motion to approve the financial report by Dixie, 2nd by Katie.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Budget Committee: n/a

STAFF REPORTS

VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION REPORTS-MINUTES

- Toledo will be voting on new Officers.
- Food for Families was able to feed 14 families.
- Photos with Santa did not have much of a turn out. There was another event locally, need to plan and coordinate better next time.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR REPORT

- Extrication class is done, getting the final cars removed.
- Recruitment- have been doing well with Social Media posts, however still not pulling in people. Will be doing more in person contacts. Have a table out front of Noels, do more one-on-one activities, attending more community events.
- Toledo hired a new employee, now have 3 paid employees.
- Training- this month focuses on Structural Firefighting. Working on a FF1 class, may be smaller, to get those trained now and not delay while waiting for more participants.
- Daniel recapped the helicopter crash.

CHIEF REPORT

- ESO changed format.
- Howry Excavating and Travis Electric are coordinating to dig for the underground line at the Logsdan Station. Should be a week or so to get electric in the ground. Test holes for septic have been dug and county has inspected. Will have one toilet- equivalent to a family of 4.
- Still need to speak with Benton Co Shops re the invoice on the Brush truck. AC went out on the squad, Toledo shops fixed.
- Attended the Meet and Greet with Senator Merkley – Has concerns in the coastal area. Don’t plan to rely on FEMA.

- Land purchase is very close, Steven Swinehart (surveyor) has submitted the docs. Does not need to go to council, just signed by Mayor.
- Should know by the 21st about the STCCF grant for battery operated tools.
- 2025 wrap up- we had 314 medical calls, 105 good intent/public assist calls, 36 fire calls, 21 false alarms calls and 3 weather related calls.
- Newsletter turned out good, cost is less. Hope to get another out in April.
- Attended SB 454 Advisory Meeting at the FM Office. Meets on 3rd Thursday of the month until Sept, more if needed. We are a lot smaller with a vastly smaller budget than other agencies. Sub committee for small agencies, will look into.
- Upcoming trainings for Daniel and Chief. NVFC Training summit in VA, possibly Gail, Marcy and Daniel, usually receive a stipend and tuition waiver.

OLD BUSINESS

- n/a

NEW BUSINESS

- Staffing- all departments in the county are low on numbers. Will be looking into other options such as more input from the city and Tribe. Ideally would like to have 4 people to respond during the day.

PUBLIC COMMENT n/a

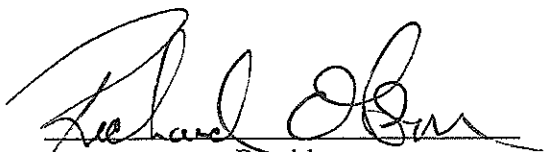
MONTHLY BILLS

- Gerry moved to pay bills, Katie 2nd the motion, motion passed.

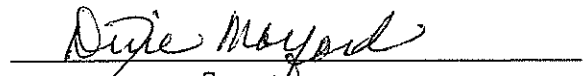
NEXT MEETING

- Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, February 17th at 6pm

Moved to adjourn by Gerry, Katie 2nd the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 19:35



President



Secretary