

**Stayton Fire District  
Regular Board of Directors Meeting**

March 12, 2018

Mehama Station

21475 Ferry Rd.  
Mehama

**FLAG SALUTE**

7:00 PM

**ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

BOARD: President Russ Strohmeyer  
Director Jay Myers  
Vice President Mike Odenthal  
Director Ray Porter  
Secretary Eric Fery

OTHERS: Chief Jack Carriger  
AC Jay Alley  
Admin Assistant Rhonda Grant  
Guest – Ben Grant

**MINUTES:** Moved by Director Porter, seconded by Director Myers, to approve the minutes for Feb 12, 2018 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

- A. Seismic Grant / Project Update:** The final drawings are ready. A meeting is planned for this Friday with Project Team and we will be deciding on the schedule of work, etc.
- B. SDAO Board Practice Assessment:** Administrator explained the benefit of conducting the self-assessment meeting for the Board; it would earn 4% credit on our insurance premium. It was suggested we schedule it to follow our next board meeting on April 9. We can start the meeting at 6:00 pm with the 90 minute self-assessment to start at 6:30.
- C. Holiday/Time off Policy:** Director noted a repeated line on page 8.6.3 to be struck. Over the years, there has been discussion of staff having the day after Thanksgiving off. Director Odenthal asked about the cost to rely on the volunteers. Chief stated that about half of our volunteers are available that day. Chief did not feel it would have a significant impact on our service or response if the staff had that day off. Discussion. Moved by Director Myers, seconded by Director Porter, to add the Day after Thanksgiving as a paid holiday for paid staff and to update the policy. Motion carried.
- D. St 85 Elkhorn Plan Update:** We are moving forward with the plan. The reader board has put up at Elkhorn with a recruitment message. There was one show of interest, but after reviewing the requirements, he is not physically able to be a firefighter. AC Alley has met with Sandy Johnson and Tom Lemons, who will help him to establish permanent and seasonal residents in the area. The tender is no longer stationed there. After its annual

maintenance is performed, it will go to Mehama station. We are still planning to meet with the other current members at St 85 to see how we can improve the situation up there.

**E. Gates Fire District Inquiry:** Chief Swanson is retiring. They spoke with Idanha-Detroit to talk about a shared Chief but that did not work out. They would like Stayton to consider contract for services for them for Administrative and Operational services. Other duties have been dispersed to their other volunteers but they need management oversight and they do not have anyone to take over the position at this time. Board consensus: if our staff has the time, it would be good to help them out for a set period of time. Discussion. Moved by Director Odenthal, seconded by Director Fery, to direct Chief to discuss with Gates FD and enter into a contract for services with Gates Fire District. Motion carried.

**F. Accounts Payable:** Moved by Director Odenthal, seconded by Director Myers, to pay the bills including the additions. Motion carried unanimously.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:**

Discussion again on Policy 8 and the section on taking leave to vote. Moved by Director Myers, seconded by Director Porter, to delete time off to vote section from policy. Motion carried.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:** Nothing to add.

**ASST CHIEF REPORT:**

- We are burning the house on 3<sup>rd</sup> St. on March 24.
- Our call volume right now is high, at 250 to date – medical calls are skyrocketing

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- Chief reported budget process has started. We are down a member as Dave Carpenter will be going off the budget committee. We have two people interested in serving on the budget committee: Tom Edsel, and Anita DeVilliers. Discussion. Moved by Director Porter, seconded by Director Myers, to appoint Tom Edsel to the budget committee. Motion carried with all in favor.
- Eric suggested, as we work on the budget, we consider putting more money in budget to hire another full-time paid fire fighter. Chief stated we will be applying for the SAFER grant for a recruiter position. We have put more funds in for part-time people. We would have to make serious cuts in other areas to add full time personnel.
- Discussion on tax rates, and levies. Director Odenthal asked if SDAO ever consider lobbying regarding the permanent tax base. We are going to have to look at more paid staff to cover lack of volunteers eventually. It was suggested we discuss this regularly at our meetings to keep up with new ideas/options.
- The Chief position in Scio is still open until filled. Aumsville and Jefferson districts have part time paid chiefs.
- Awards Banquet is March 17.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The regular meeting closed at 8:40 pm.

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Date

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Board Secretary, Eric Fery