

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

February 9th, 2026

Conference Room

1988 W. Ida St. Stayton

FLAG SALUTE

PRESIDENT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER

6:00 PM

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS:

BOARD: President Russ Strohmeier
 Vice President Ken Rich
 Secretary Tom Etzel
 Director Eric Fery
 Director Mike Odenthal

OTHERS: Chief Jay Alley Lt Cross
 Office Specialist Julia Budlong FF Lundervold
 AC Doug Kintz FF Tegen
 FF/Maintenance Drake Long EMS Fery

MINUTES: Moved by Director Odenthal, seconded by Director Etzel, to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2026 regular meeting and Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously. 5-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

BUSINESS ITEMS: ***Drake Long was introduced to the Board Directors and was welcomed.*

A. Employee Evaluations: Evaluations for Firefighter Cody Murphy and Firefighter Wyatt Tegen were conducted. It is recommended they receive their next step increase based on their above average evaluations.

Moved by Director Etzel, seconded by Director Rich, to approve the step increases for Firefighter Cody Murphy and Firefighter Wyatt Tegen effective January 18th, 2026. Motion carried unanimously. 5-0

B. Correspondence Update: SDAO’s response to the correspondence was that this was not an uncommon situation. They don’t have a recommendation and indicated it is up to the District to handle the situation. The next steps will be to review the items of concern and possibly include some Officers in the process.

C. Budget Committee Member Vacancy: Scott Miller has stepped down from the Budget Committee. He provided a recommendation but the Board can recommend additional potential candidates and discuss further at next board meeting.

D. Operation Levy: We are still waiting for numbers from SDAO. We should assess the political climate but the goal is to go out in May 2026. We have the ability to go back out in November, and as last resort, May of 2027. The less on the ballot, the better the odds. We must file by mid-March.

E. Accounts Payable: Moved by Director Odenthal, seconded by Director Rich, to pay the bills including the additions. Motion carried unanimously. 5-0

DIRECTOR’S REPORTS:

- **Director Odenthal**-Thank you for including the ACH report in the board packet.

CHIEF’S REPORT:

- We had an OSHA Consult completed on February 4th. There were a few major findings and 6 other minor findings. During this time period, we cannot have a random OSHA Inspection unless there’s a complaint or injury. We are working to correct the issues noted in the consultation.

ASST CHIEF REPORT:

- Mehama Sweetheart Bingo will be this Saturday.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Tentative Banquet date is March 21st.

ADJOURNMENT: The regular meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm

NEXT MEETING:

March 9, 2026 Executive Session, 5:30 pm

March 9, 2026 Regular Board Meeting, 6:00 pm

Date

Board Secretary