

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

January 12th, 2026

Conference Room

1988 W. Ida St. Stayton

FLAG SALUTE

PRESIDENT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER

6:03 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 Hargin
 Office Specialist Julia Budlong FF Hemenway
 AC Doug Kintz FF

MINUTES: Moved by Director Etzel, seconded by Director Rich, to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2025 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously. 5-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

BUSINESS ITEMS:

- A. New Employee:** New Maintenance staff, Drake Long, started on January 5th. We are waiting on a few things to get him started as responder. He's started repairs and projects around the stations. He has good experience in the maintenance background and automotive background. He's doing a great job so far! He was unable to be here tonight, but we will try to have him attend the next meeting and be introduced to Board Directors.

- B. Chief Evaluation:** We are due for Chief Alley's evaluation and will need to schedule a session for Directors to meet, potentially next month, and the following month we can meet with the Chief. The public part of the evaluation can be brought to April's Board meeting. We can meet at 5 or 5:30pm before February 9th's Board Meeting and make note of Executive Session prior.

- C. Accounts Payable:** Moved by Director Etzel, seconded by Director Rich, to pay the bills including the additions and the purchase of the new command rig. Motion carried unanimously. 5-0

DIRECTOR’S REPORTS:

- **Director Odenthal:** VFW would like to extend an invite to firefighters to their potluck event in March at the Stayton Station.
- **Director Fery:** It’s nice to see a good turnout for Academy.

CHIEF’S REPORT:

- Oregon Potato is now interested in selling or developing a long-term lease of the property. All are in favor in entering negotiations for purchasing instead of pursuing a long-term lease. More information to come.
- We currently have 30 students enrolled in Academy with three being from Stayton.

ASST CHIEF REPORT:

- Chemeketa student program will be starting again soon with two second year students who are also members with the district.
- Christmas ladder routes were successful with great public presence and appreciated.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: President Strohmeyer called to enter Executive Session at 6:30pm according to ORS 192.660 to discuss the correspondence related to personnel matters sent to the board. The letter was reviewed and discussion followed.

Executive Session ended at 7:17pm and the Board reentered the regular session.

Moved by Director Fery, seconded by Director Rich, for the letter to be placed in the record.
Motion carried unanimously. 5-0

Moved by Director Etzel, seconded by Director Rich, to direct the Chief to contact SDAO to receive guidance on how best to address the concerns of the letter. Motion carried unanimously.
5-0

ADJOURNMENT: The regular meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm

NEXT MEETING:

February 9, 2026 Executive Session, 5:30 pm
February 9, 2026 Regular Board Meeting, 6:00 pm

Date

Board Secretary