

**SILETZ VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT**  
Board of Director's Meeting  
MINUTES  
Monday, September 25, 2023  
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 Richard Olson, present were Patti Skauge, Gerry Schmit and Reggie Butler. Dixie Morford was absent.

Staff in attendance were Fire Chief Dave Lapof, Office Administrator Teresa Daily

**GUESTS:**

1. No guests in attendance

**MINUTES**

Approval of minutes of August 15, 2023, Moved by Patti and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gerry – Motion Passed

**CORRESPONDENCE –**

1. Reviewed the Weekly Situation Report of current Large Fires in Oregon.
2. Approval letter from USDA regarding the \$84,000 grant
3. Award letter from FEMA SAFER 4 Year grant for \$309,192
4. Thank you email from Carol Adams.
5. Upcoming conference OFDDA for board members.

**PUBLIC COMMENT –** No public comment

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Profit /Loss – Gerry Schmit, Treasurer:

1. Some expenses, particularly related to seasonal staffing, are ahead of budget.
2. LGIP accounts are all set and Gerry is able to sign in and review the grant funds.

At 18:21 Patti made a motion to accept the treasurer report and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Reggie. Motion Passed

**COMMITTEE REPORTS –**

- Volunteer Association: Reviewed the volunteer report that included safety.
- Emergency Preparedness – board members received an emergency preparedness bag and a reminder of the 10/4/2023 Emergency Notification system test.

## **CHIEF REPORT**

- Review of the more unusual calls over the month including on the 4<sup>th</sup> which had 4 calls which was unusual. Request to help with a fire at the GP Mill on the 11<sup>th</sup>. The T-52 was sent to the Tyee fire with Daniel and Christian for 7 days.
- Lifeflight Ambulance will now be serving the Lincoln County hospitals.
- At the Siletz City Council meeting there was a discussion about Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) which was approved. Also, met with Arron Growth from OSU Extension on data from wildland fires and answered questions about the Siletz Fire program.
- Met with the youth group who will be working to clean up property and create defensible space. Potential partnership.
- Met with PUB w/ tree removal assistance.
- As rainy weather has started there are a lot of questions about the burn permits opening back up but there may be warmer temperatures ahead so this on hold.
- Fire today in Toledo, was a total loss. We assisted along with other agencies.
- Gerry asked a question regarding the USDA loan and making sure that we are communicating the grant funds and how the new rescue unit would be paid for. Also, a discussion about the board writing articles for the newsletters.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing to discuss.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

At 18:43 the general session of the meeting was closed with a 5-minute recess.

At 18:19 the Board entered Executive Session to review the performance of the Fire Chief

At 19:13 the Executive session closed and the Regular board meeting reconvened.

The Board wanted to thank Chief Lapof for his work and the progress made. Performance benchmarks were reviewed, and input was offered by all Board members.

It was recommended to proceed with the signing of the 2023/2024 Fire Chief Contact without objection.

President Olson wanted to remind all board members that any district personnel issues or other matters related to the Fire District should first to come to the Fire Chief or himself to keep everyone informed and work to a resolution if required.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

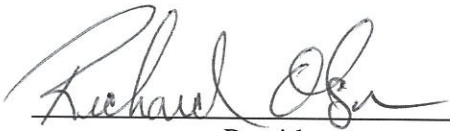
Again, Thank Yous to the Chief for his work.

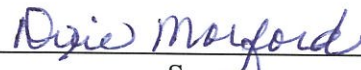
Nice to see the bay doors open, letting the community know we are here.

**NEXT MEETING**

October 17 at 6:00PM

Moved to adjourn Moved by Patti at 19:30, seconded by Gerry, Motion Passed

  
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President

  
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Secretary