

SILETZ VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
Regular Board of Director's Meeting
Tuesday, August 18, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Siletz Valley Fire District Board of Directors was called to order at 19:04 PM by Board of Directors Interim President Reggie Butler. Also present were Board of Directors Rick Olson, Patti Skauge, Dixie Morford and Ron Hervey.

Staff in attendance included Bunny West. Also present was SDAO counsel Spencer Rockwell.

Director Butler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Director Skauge that the board retire to executive session. Motion was 2nd by Director Olson. Board retired to executive session at 19:07.

The board returned from executive session and resumed regular session business at 19:45.

MINUTES

Director Morford noted that the date on the June Regular Board Meeting Minutes was incorrect. The correct date of that meeting should be June 16, 2020 and not June 17, 2020. Regular meeting minutes for June 16, Special Meeting minutes for June 27, Executive Session meeting minutes for July 7, Executive Session meeting minutes for July 30 and Special Meeting minutes for July 30 were approved with the edit to the date for the June 16 meeting. Motion to approve by Director Skauge, 2nd by Director Olson. Motion passed with all ayes. Motion carried.

GUEST INTRODUCTIONS

Members of the public were as follows: Steve Card (Newport NewsTimes), Signe Grimstad (Grimstad and Associates), Volunteer Eric Luckini and family, Volunteers Gail Freer and Benji Conklin, City of Siletz Mayor Willie Worman, Mark Cumminsky and Liz Kevek.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

INFORMATION ITEMS

None.

REPORTS

a. Financial Reports: Clerk Bunny West

There were several financial reports to review.

- Bank of the West credit card reconciliations for Bunny West for June and July 2020.
- Bank of the West credit card reconciliation for and Glenn Fluhr for July 2020.
- Petty Cash Reconciliation July 2020.

Director Hervey made the motion to approve the financial reports as they are presented. 2nd by Director Skauge. Motions passed with all ayes.

b. Volunteer Association: No representative present.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Glenn Fluhr: Bunny West noted that a space had been set aside on the meeting agenda for Glenn Fluhr to make a statement for the record. He was not in attendance.

REVIEW and PAY BILLS

Director Skauge made a motion to pay the bills, 2nd by Director Morford. Checks were distributed for signatures.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Cumminsky – Mr. Cumminsky stated that he has concerns about the current fitness of the district. Director Butler stated that the board is unable to make any comment at this time regarding the employment status of Glenn Fluhr. Mr. Cumminsky stated that he has been watching the situation in the district since the beginning. He iterated that the district board members are the stewards of the taxpayer's assets and he feels like this board has been 'asleep at the wheel'. He is hoping that the current events will wake people up. He encouraged any board member that does not feel up to the position to step down. Mr. Cumminsky stated that he has attended several SDAO conferences and he remembers that the underlying message at the conferences was always for board members to stand on their own and not rely solely on the information they are presented. The board is the steward of taxpayers' dollars and they should not have fallen prey to the whole sequence of events that led up to the current situation. Mr. Cumminsky stated that he has been involved in this district for a long time through a series of chiefs. He believes that he has been supportive of this station all along. He stated that he used to have a code for the door and that he provided good support to the district. He is also concerned about the readiness of the Logsdan station.

Willie Worman - He stated that he is aware that the district is going through some tough stuff right now. He is frustrated with the lack of relationship between the district and the city these last six months. He has made efforts to build relationship with the district, especially when the district and the city needed to be collaborating in covid response efforts, but leadership in the district was not responsive to him. He is hoping for a change going forward. He has heard from several district volunteers. He wrote a letter of complaint to Reggie Butler as a community member regarding his concerns. He believes that the district deserves better representation. Mr. Worman appreciates all the efforts and steps that the board is taking. Director Butler thanked Mr. Worman for his patience.

Liz Kevek – Ms. Kevek is concerned that the Logsdan station is not ready to respond. She is concerned that the district is not even able to get in the building. Director Olson stated that the issues at Logsdan station have been remedied. The district is able to get into the station and the station is ready to respond.

Benji Conklin – Volunteer Conklin stated that there have been several volunteers that have returned to the station since Glenn Fluhr was put on administrative leave. They have been getting caught up on a lot of missed training and fitness tests. New volunteers and old volunteers have been participating. Mr. Conklin stated that there have been six tender/pumper qualified volunteers that have returned to the district and that the volunteers have been working very closely with Toledo Fire to coordinate response. PacWest is also being supportive.

Gail Freer – Volunteer Freer stated that the volunteers are working hard and they are counting on the board.

Bunny West – As the district moves forward, we are going to need as much help as we can get. If there are areas where you can help, please let the district know. Mr. Worman and Mr. Cumminsky both offered to help.

BOARD MEMEBERS COMMENT

Patti Skauge: Everyone is working really hard right now.

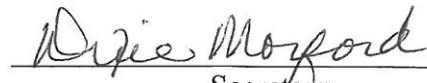
Reggie Butler: Director Butler stated that the board is taking steps to better the department. He thanked the volunteers of this station for all of the steps they have taken in the last few weeks to get this department back on track.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Skauge motioned that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was 2nd by Director Olson. Motion carried with all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 20:14.



President



Secretary