

Umatilla Fire District Meeting

The March 11, 2020 meeting was called to order by Board Chair Jon Lorence.

The Pledge of Allegiance was stated.

Present:

Jon Lorence, Fred Scheely, Darla Huxel and Mark Keith

Absent- Kyle Sipe

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve by Darla

2nd by Fred.

Discussion-

Minutes were approved unanimously.

Audience Participation:

Correspondence:

Statement of Bills list, checks and check register were reviewed and signed.

Information Items:

Chief's Report:

There were a total of 50 calls in February

30 – EMS

4- MVC's

12 – FIRE

= calls from February 2019

+25 YTD over 2019

Maintenance-

Engine 12 still out of service

Training-

Firefighter Health

Fire Extinguishers

First Responders & Families mental health awareness

Chief Roundtable- discussed current activities, solicited feedback, upcoming events.

Recruitment/Retention-

One resignation- moved to Hermiston

This brought about a discussion of changing the criteria to live in district and look at a response time versus live in requirement.

Bond Activities-

Signs are installed and operating

Remaining balance applied to brush truck

Bond closed

General-

Taking precautions related to coronavirus based on Oregon Health Authority guidance to protect personnel.

Applying for SDAO Internship grant. Inter would catalogue pictures, newspaper articles meeting minutes from our department history to preserve.

Upcoming Activities-

Volunteer Report:

N/A

Old Business:

1. Budget Update- Jeannie and Steve have been working with numbers for next year's budget and are about 90% complete at this time.

New Business:

1. SDAO Evaluation- presented during February workshop by Steve, it was decided to look at this in the fall
2. District Clerk Hours- Motion to increase hours to 120 per month with a 5% pay increase starting July 1, 2020 by Fred, 2nd by Mark. Motion passed unanimously
Motion by Darla to move Clerk to report to Fire Chief beginning July 1, 2020 and make applicable policy books changes to reflect this, 2nd by Fred, Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session:

ORS 192.660 (2)(l)

Entered into executive session @ 7:46 pm

Adjourned executive Session @ 8:08 pm

Items not on Agenda Open to Public, Board and Staff Participation:

Revisit of topic regarding message received from last meeting.

Mark suggested the District look into adding HRA VEBA as a benefit, Jeannie will gather information to present options at our next meeting.

AGENDA SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

Evaluation for Steve- Steve will send out self-evaluation and goals before the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm

Jon Lorence, Chairman

Jeannie Bowman, Clerk