**Umatilla Fire District Meeting**

The January 3, 2024, meeting called to order by Board Chair Kyle Sipe.

Present:

Robert Holden, Kyle Sipe, Darla Huxel, and Amber Bieren and Steven Williams

Absent:

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Darla, 2nd Amber

Approved unanimously.

Approval of Agenda Motion by Darla, second by Robert motion approved.

Audience Participation: None

Statements of Bills list, checks and check register were reviewed by the board members and signed. No additional questions asked regarding expenditure reports. Reviewed and signed. Motion to accept items presented by Darla, second by Robert, Approved unanimously.

Information Items:

Chief Report: See Attached – items to note.

Chief Grant has scheduled appointments with CBC and BMCC to review programs and see which will best serve our students going forward.

UCFD 1 Mutual Aid- Chief Grant and Chief Stanton met to discuss the mutual aid and will keep an open dialogue going forward as our reporting system shows no disparity in providing aid between agencies.

Unfunded Tax lots within District- currently twenty square miles of our district are untaxed which equals to about 38%. This is varying properties from City, State, BIA, Corp of Engineers, and other entities.

Chief Grant would like to find a funding mechanism for portions of these unassessed lots.

Darla, Kyle, and Robert all feel the Tax Abatement issue is a state issue and Special Districts should be involved. Robert asked if there was any state law regarding Tax Abatements.

Kyle would like to look at for profit companies, possibly consider contracts for service.

Darla would like to start conversations with some for apparatus/supplies that will help the district and that entity as well.

Volunteer Report: N/A

Old Business:

1. Seismic Upgrade- Working on Close out Documents for Station 12
2. Ladder Truck Sale- Ladder Truck was donated to Heppner Fire as there was no success in selling. They will be able to fix, maintain and utilize it in the future.
3. Vehicle Use Agreement- The Tender usage contract language is being reviewed by The City of Umatilla and will come back to Chief Grant for approval by both.

New Business:

1. Mutual Aid Discussion- reviewed during Chief’s report.
2. Unfunded Tax Lots within District- covered during Chief’s report.
3. Surplus Items- Chief Grant will have a list of items to surplus and then either sell or donate by February.

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

Auditor has filed and extension with the state, working through a few items.

AGENDA SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

Budget Meeting Dates

Motion to adjourn by Amber, 2nd Steven.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm

Kyle Sipe, Chairman Jeannie Bowman, Clerk