



NESTUCCA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting
February 12th, 2025
Station 87 Hebo, Oregon

Turn off all cell phones

All Please Stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order: Time: 4:00 p.m.

Assure all guests have signed the sign-in sheet.

Note those who will be speaking, the subject and that there is a three (3) minute time limit.

This meeting is recorded

Roll Call: Dorothy Gann x Steve Shiels x Shelley Cully x
Mark Menefee x Anne Price x

Adjustments to Agenda:

None

Audience Participation: Three (3) minute time limit.

Wyatt Angelo present, he did not wish to speak.

Approval of Minutes: Regular Board of Directors Meeting January 8th, 2025.

Motion to approve: Shelley Cully 2nd Steve Shiels

Motion passed by: Dorothy Gann x Steve Shiels x Shelley Cully x
Mark Menefee x Anne Price x

Payment of Bills: Oregon Coast Bank online bill pay, electronic fund transfer, bank charges, petty cash expenditures and LGIP charges, direct deposit payroll and payroll taxes in the total amount of \$308,118.59

Motion to approve: Mark Menefee 2nd Shelley Cully

Motion passed by: Dorothy Gann x Steve Shiels x Shelley Cully x
Mark Menefee x Anne Price x

Treasurers Report for: January 31st, 2025, funds and account balances of \$2,073,726.39

Motion to approve: Anne Price 2nd Steve Shiels

Motion passed by: Dorothy Gann x Steve Shiels x Shelley Cully x
Mark Menefee x Anne Price x

Correspondence: None

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Executive Session Per ORS. 192.610 to 192.690

Reports:

Station 86 report

Good of the Order:

Station update from Chief Neel: About to begin two academies, one for new volunteers earning their basic Firefighter certifications and one for the CERT volunteers to bring them up to speed to work with the Department in a support capacity. There are 8 new volunteers in this cohort, all will get fire response training, 6 will also get EMS training. 2 of them are 16 years old, and too young for complete training. Having well-trained volunteers is critical for a small combination department like ours, particularly now that there can be three calls at once. 30% of volunteers are 65 and older, so recruiting young people is critical. CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) volunteers prepare to respond to natural disasters, mass casualty events and other community needs. Once this group is trained, they will be able to also provide support on calls that will free up more skilled individuals. This will increase the number of people able to assist on calls up to 55 or 60. Steve Shiels asked how volunteerism is promoted in the district? Through local newspapers, social media, our website, and iwanttobeafirefighter.com. Nestucca career staff will also be presenting at the high school as part of the trades program on April 9th, 12th and 16th. Would like to promote our training through the community colleges that offer fire science and EMS classes. Any certifications earned here transfer throughout the state.

Station 85 seismic upgrade update from Chief Oeder- NRFPD has signed contract with WRK Architect Engineers to handle the project. They are preparing the documents now to begin the contractor bid process. The construction timeframe will be forthcoming after that.

Anne Price asked if the Federal spending freeze would impact recent grant applications. Chief Neel responded that there is no reliable information about impact on potential awards. Really hoping these grants go through to help shore up our aging equipment. We appreciate the efforts of volunteer Wyatt Angelo, who has done the bulk of the writing for \$1.5 million in potential grant funding.

Next Meeting: March 12th, 2025

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Adjourn:

Motion to Approve: Shelley Cully 2nd Steve Shiels

Motion passed by: Dorothy Gann x Steve Shiels x Shelley Cully x
Mark Menefee x Anne Price x

Time: 4:25 p.m.