

Yamhill Fire Protection District Meeting Minutes

August 12th Board Meeting

Call to Order

The Yamhill Fire board meeting for August 12, 2024 was called to order at 1840. Presided by Jim Phillips.

Roll Call

Board members in attendance, Jim Phillips, Jon Peasley Via Phone, Clint Giberson arriving at 1843, Paul Vandegrift, Josh Brown

Report presentation

Murry Paola presented on a radio grant that was awarded to the department some time ago and was not acted on. Murray discussed the details of the grant and said he would file the necessary reporting and an extension to get it back up to date.

Public Comment/ Volunteer comment

Public comment started with Rocky commenting on a timeline for the results of the conclusion of the investigation, Cary Maynard presented a statement read aloud to the board, Taylor Peters continued public comment with a lengthy statement unhappy that the volunteers that left and have come back and also stated that Josh Brown assisted on a medical call at the Yamhill county Fair, Taylor also voiced her frustration for there being no Zoom Call for the 8/1 Meeting. Suzie Burkhart commented that the Board works for the public and accused the Board of recklessly spending money, Suzie also noted that Josh Brown has been offered and declined numerous board member training events. Loren Randolph commented on the fact that Trampas was placed on non-disciplinary administrative leave at the advice of the attorney, Loren also asked for the resignation of Board members Josh Brown, Jim Phillips, and Paul Vandegrif. A paramedic with the McMinnville fire department commented on how much better the level of service was with Trampas as Chief. Craig Saur commented asking how can you judge the difference in the level of service in such a short time. Steve Featherstone commented that the investigation will show the facts and that he has very little confidence in the board and asked for the resignation of Jim, Jon, Clint, and Paul. Taylor Peters commented again on her frustrations that the volunteers that left came back into their original positions and announced that the district is failing to get out on calls. Brad Salter noted that we answer our district's call first then we help our neighbors if we have the manpower, at this time Rosanna interrupted Brad and Amber made a request for the Zoom meeting recordings, it was noted to place the request with the chief and it will be taken care of. Josie Smith noted that they did not come back to their original positions, and also noted that we turned down the mutual aid calls to protect our own district. Lastly Will Reber commented that we all need to wait for the investigation to be complete and have the facts to make a decision.

Financial Report/ Past minutes

Past meeting minutes were presented and discussion was had starting with the 8/7 Meeting minutes, Jon was very unhappy with the minutes as presented and made a motion to strike the minutes from the record motion as made seconded by Clint, Motion failed with Jon and Clint in favor and Jim, Paul, and Josh in opposition. Followed by a motion to approve the 8/7 meeting

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minutes as presented, Motion made by Paul and seconded by Jon motion passed with Jim, Paul, and Josh in favor and Clint and Jon in opposition. Discussion continued with the 7/29 Meeting minutes it was noted in the discussion that a meeting can not be reconvened and there for the last page of the minutes needed to be struck from the record a motion was entertained by Josh to approve the 7/29 meeting minutes excluding the last page motion seconded by Jon motion passed unanimously. Lastly a motion was entertained by Paul and seconded by Josh to approve the 8/1 meeting minutes motion passed unanimously with Clint and Jon abstaining.

A motion was also entertained by Clint and seconded by Jon to approve the monthly financials motion passed with Josh Brown abstaining.

Chief's Report

Chief's Report was read by Joe Moore in the absence of the Chief. It was reported that the three past due YCOM bills had been taken care of and it was also noted that Christian and Kyle were on conflag in eastern Oregon.

Safety Meeting Report

No Report

Old Business

Strategic plan- on hold

District policy and procedure/ SOG manual- this will be an ongoing project.

New Business

In new Business a Motion was entertained by Josh and seconded by Clint to make Joe Moore the interim fire chief for the Yamhill fire protection district. New business continued with discussion on having Cary Maynard help with the financials and the audits going forward. Clint noted that Glen with Aquity would be sending an email requesting all the necessary documentation, Clint also estimated that it would take three days to finish up the audit with Aquity. After discussion a motion was made by Jon and second by Paul to have Cary help with all the necessary tasks to complete the audit for 22/23 and help prepare the board packets. Motion passed with Clint, Jon, and Paul in favor, Jim Opposed and Josh abstaining.

Good of the Order

General board meeting 8/12/24 1830

A brief discussion was had on the camera system and it was suggested to place a camera inside the chiefs office and a motion was entertained by Josh and seconded by Clint to place a camera in the chief's office motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

None

Adjournment

Clint moved and Paul seconded the motion for adjournment at 2025.

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Motion passed unanimously