

# **Yamhill Fire Protection District Meeting Minutes**

## **July 29th Board Meeting**

### **Call to Order**

The Yamhill Fire board meeting for July 29,2024 was called to order at 1831. Presided by Jim Phillips.

### **Roll Call**

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

### **Public Comment/ Volunteer comment**

Public comment started with Rocky commenting that the public has the right to public business comment continued with a records request from Josie requesting the District credit card statements and an itemized receipt for each transaction for the last two budget years. Jim recognized the request and would work on getting it to her in a timely fashion. Taylor commented on her concern for not having a chief in Trampas's absence. Craig Sauers questioned who does the board work for." Jim answered that we work for the citizens of the district." Brad commented that the volunteers will pick up the slack and fill the need.

### **Financial Report/ Past minutes**

Past meeting minutes were presented and a motion was made by Clint and seconded by Paul to approve past meeting minutes motion passed unanimously.

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

Keri noted that conflag reimbursements are being processed faster than usual.

### **Chief's Report**

Chief's Report was read by Jim Phillips in the absence of the Chief. It was reported crews have been working on in house wildland training, Yamhill crews will be covering the Yamhill county fair and rodeo this week. It was also reported that Seawestern will be performing warranty on the heavy brush and then engines. Lastly it was reported that all of our crews have made it home from conflag.

### **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 the meeting was started by a Motion Made By Josh Brown and Seconded by Paul Vandegrift Motion was made at the suggestion of the Yamhill fire protection district's

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attorney Mark Wolf with Public Law group. Motion as stated “ I move to place Trampas Bergstrom on non disciplinary paid administrative leave pending the conclusion of the administrative investigation.” Motion passed with Jim Phillips, Paul Vandegrift, Josh Brown in favor and Jon Peasley and Clint Giberson in Opposition. Immediately after, a motion was presented by Jon Peasley to place Josh Brown on administrative leave for not following policy as a board member.. A small amount of comment was made by Jon Peasley and a vote was taken with Jon Peasley and Clint Giberson in favor and Jim Phillips, Paul Vandegrift, Josh Brown in opposition. Before the motion was closed Jon Peasley insisted that Josh Brown did not have the right to vote because the allegation was against him and that Jim Phillips was also not allowed to vote due to the fact he is the president of the board. A Point of order was made by Craig Sauers that all members have a right to vote and that an elected official can only be removed from office by a recall. Two points of information were made by David showing the board the policies that concern motions and voting as a board. At this time Clint Giberson excused himself to retrieve the policy book. After some discussion was had on policy and if Josh Brown was an elected member of the board, it was decided to have a revote with a roll call vote taken with Jon Peasley and Clint Giberson in favor and Jim Phillips, Paul Vandegrift, Josh Brown in Opposition. Motion failed. After the financial and minutes were reported, new business continued with discussion on the failing pump on Brush 42 Christian commented that this is the second pump that has failed with low hours and he would help figure out some options to getting the truck back in full service. It was also noted the audit company will be here on 8/7 to start the 22/23 audit process.continuing with new business Clint started discussion on moving the last meeting of the month to the last tuesday of each month to forgo “late fees on the credit card” Clint made a motion to move the last meeting of the month to the last tuesday of each month and to update the policy manual. Seconded by Paul, the motion passed unanimously. Lastly discussion was had on fixing the reader board sign, Brad and Joe said they would donate time and material to fix the sign and get it fully operational.

### **Good of the Order**

Board Work session 8/7/24 0900

General board meeting 8/12/24 1830

Clint noted if anyone wants to look at the bills they are more than welcome to schedule a time with Clint/ Keri.

### **Announcements**

Yamhill county fair and rodeo 7/31-8/3

Joe noted that Trampas contacted him and was told to communicate with Scott Law for fair coverage.

### **Adjournment**

Paul moved and Clint seconded the motion for adjournment at 2012.

Motion passed unanimously

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Yamhill Fire protection Board re-convened at 2018 with all five board members to entertain new business of placing an interim chief for the fire district. A Motion was made by Josh Brown and seconded by Paul to make Joe Moore interim chief of the Yamhill fire protection district. Motion passed Unanimously. Followed by a motion for adjournment made by Clint and seconded by Paul. Motion passed unanimously.