



- Robert Taylor, Board President
- Dale White, Vice President on phone
- Wyatt King, Secretary/Treasurer
- Matt Herb, Member
- Robbe Boren, Member

- Joseph Rodondi, Fire Chief
- John Tacy, DC of Operations
- Ken Foster, Fire Marshal
- Mark Fitzwater, DC of Training
- Desiree Barker, Chief Administrative Officer
- Michael Perkins, Recruitment Lt.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:30 PM**

**FLAG SALUTE**

**MINUTES:**

**Agenda item # 1 – Approval of March 11, 2025 Minutes**

**Member Herb made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Member Boren 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.**

**Vote:**

**Board President Taylor - Yea**

**Vice President White - Yea**

**Secretary Treasurer King - Yea**

**Member Herb - Yea**

**Member Boren – Yea**

**Motion Approved.**

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

**(Limited to 5 minutes per speaker)**

There were no citizen comments.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Agenda Item # 2 – Oregon Fire Chief’s Association Board Nominations**

Chief appreciates the Board’s support toward LFD’s legislation involvement.

- Oregon Fire Chiefs Association (OFCA) has vacant positions on their Board of Directors. Chief Rodondi asked for the Board’s support to pursue a seat on their Board.

**Member Herb made a motion to approve the Fire Chief’s seeking a seat on the OFCA Board of Directors, Member Boren 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.**

**Vote:**

**Board President Taylor - Yea**

**Vice President White - Yea**

**Secretary Treasurer King - Yea**

**Member Herb - Yea**

**Member Boren – Yea**

**Motion Approved.**

**Agenda Item # 3 – Evaluating Revenue Opportunities**

Chief Rodondi opened a discussion pertaining to potential revenue generation.

- Chief mentioned our empty offices. There is potential revenue if we rent office space.
- Chief reintroduces annexation as another revenue source.
- Chief asked the Board their intent to pursue a levy in the future. The voting term preference was discussed. A decision is needed 3-months prior to any election, but 5-months would be ideal. LFD staff believes a levy in November 2025 is too soon. Chief discussed the timing required for ballot placement. Chief asked the Board to continue thinking what a future levy would look like. It was agreed that additional professional and positive outreach with a personal impact is needed. The consensus was November 2025 is too soon.

**REPORTS****Agenda Item # 4 – Financial Report**

With DC Fitzwater's assistance, CAO Barker introduced the updated website to obtain board agendas and minutes.

- CAO conducted a brief walk-through from log-in to accessing board meeting documents.
- Minutes from a prior month meeting are posted as soon as possible after they have been approved and signed.
- When the packet is prepared and loaded, each board member will receive an email notification that it is ready to be accessed.

Chief Rodondi shared the good news that the GEMT Fee For Service is finally back on track and timely for 2025 reimbursement.

**Agenda Item # 5 – Legislative Update(s)**

Chief Rodondi provided the legislative update.

- Legislation is near the half-way point where bills begin dropping off.
- EMS modernization is moving forward but is a long-term plan.
- DC Tacy notified the Board on the OR Transportation reinvestment package. If passed, the increased taxes will impact our budget.
- The stringent Oregon rules on sharps container and expired medication handling may be updated. It may fall back to the less stringent Federal mandates.
- Future legislative dates were shared.

Secretary/Treasurer King asked if there was a progress update on the bill that incrementally steps down Senior citizens' tax rates. Chief noted the SDAO doesn't feel that is likely to pass.

**Agenda Item # 6 – Non-Represented Staff Address the Board**

There were no non-represented staff present to address the board.

**Agenda Item # 7 – Union Address the Board**

Lt Perkins thanked the board members who interviewed with the Union.

**Agenda Item # 8 – Volunteers Address the Board**

Volunteer Academy started this week. 7 have entered. 1 will fire corp.

**Agenda Item # 9 – Fire Chief Report**

Chief Rodondi provided an overview of current happenings.

- Social media is active. Videos are launching. Like, share, and subscribe.
- Please review the website and YouTube videos.
- The Newsletter will be available on-line next week. It's costly to mail, but if signed up we can send newsletters through our website.
- The Oregon Fire Museum has our Seagrave. DC Tacy and Lt Adamson worked out a solution to return it to us. Santiam CPR donated \$500, which was the cost to return it to LFD.

Member Herb suggested the use of social media and YouTube for our burn message or other important messages. It could increase our numbers.

Secretary/Treasurer King suggested short video messages, et.al. to get the LFD's messages out to the public. He added additional social media potential.

Secretary/Treasurer King recommends we review the Enterprise Fleet program closely and utilize caution. After investigating Enterprise Fleet and Ford Fleet, Ford Fleet was selected. Chief Rodondi noted the idea to use a fleet program was just beginning to be evaluated.

Member Boren expressed his thanks for the work the staff and Union do.

**OTHER AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no other agenda items.

**ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION AT 7:03 pm.**

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Robert Taylor, Board President

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Joseph Rodondi, Fire Chief