



☒ Robert Taylor, Board President
☒ Dale White, Vice President
☒ 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

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:32 PM

FLAG SALUTE

MINUTES

Agenda item # 1 – Approval of June 10, 2025, Board Meeting & Executive Session Minutes

Secretary/Treasurer King made a motion to approve the board meeting and executive session minutes as written, Member Herb 2nd 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 – Board Member Swearing In

Chief Rodondi swore in Board Members Boren, Herb, and King.

Agenda Item #3 – Elect Board Officers

Vice President White made a motion to retain the three existing Board Officers in their current position on the Board. Member Herb 2nd the motion.

Vote:

Board President Taylor - Yea
Vice President White - Yea
Secretary Treasurer King - Yea
Member Herb - Yea
Member Boren – Yea

Motion Approved.

REPORTS

Agenda Item #2 – Financial Report

CAO Barker answered Secretary/Treasurer King's emailed questions.

- The District hasn't received a Safer Retention & Recruitment grant since 2018. We did not budget grant revenue since we hadn't received an award.
- Interest on Investment is comprised from the amount we receive from the Oregon State Treasury Local Government Investment Pool. Interest is earned on the account balances. Less interest was received due to the account balance in the Debt Service Fund. More interest was received in the general fund for the same reason.
- In response to what appears to be over-spending, CAO Barker mentioned the beginning fund balance was not accounted for in the Financial Statements at this time.

CAO Barker provided an overview of ambulance billing and FireMed.

- FireMed revenue was just short of projections.
- LFD in-house ambulance billing continues to collect on the remaining accounts and sending delinquent accounts to collections.
- Tactical Business Group's (TBG) services have been beneficial. We saw a 4% average revenue increase. TBG billed \$8.3 million gross from July through May, however the write-offs were \$5.3 million. Net billings were \$3 million. This shows the impact of the Medicare/Medicaid maximum payments.
- The ambulance rate increases in the Fee Schedule did impact the last 5 months of billed called with additional revenue. However, the Medicare/Medicaid maximum payment write-offs also increased.

Chief Rodondi noted of the Lebanon residents we serve, 80% are on Medicare or Medicaid.

CAO Barker closed the report, with updates.

- Financial Statements for closing FY 2024/2025 are underway.
- The FEMA grant from the January 2024 storm event is still pending.

Chief Rodondi informed the Board that we have applied for the Safer Grant again.

Agenda Item #3 – Legislative updates

Chief Rodondi thanked Tacy for keeping up with the legislative updates and co-chairing the OSAA committee on EMS Modernization.

- Balanced billing passed. Insurance agencies are required to pay 325% of Medicare.
- Volunteer tax relief passed within a larger bill.

DC Tacy provided additional updates.

- EMS modernization failed in the ways and means committee stage. Attempts were made to adjust the bill, but ultimately failed. GEMT studies affected the result.
- The bill allowing EMRs and EMTs allowing to draw Narcan from a vial failed. Narcan is nasal administered by us. We are required to carry Narcan it and receive State assistance.

Agenda Item #4 – Non-Represented Staff Address the Board

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

Agenda Item #5 – Union Address the Board

Lt. Adamson informed the board that the Union is participating on Friday by sending 3 teams of firefighters to participate in the Albany golf tournament fund raiser.

Agenda Item #6 – Volunteers Address the Board

There were no volunteers present to address the board.

Agenda Item #7 – Fire Chief Report

Fire Chief Rodondi provided this month's updates for the Board.

- Conflagration season is in full swing. We've been on two and expect more.
- Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulance pilot program is underway. They are helping to relieving pressure. The hospital has declined to participate in sharing expenses for transfers.
- BC Savage's retirement send-off is Friday, July 25th, at 5:00 pm at Station 31.
- Mike Joslin's celebration of life is scheduled on July 19th at 11:00 for the fire service at Odd Fellow Cemetery for the general public 12:00-3:00 pm Santiam Event Center

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item #8 – Badge Pinning

Chief Rodondi provided newly promoted Battalion Chief Nunes history of 19 years at LFD. She's pursued education and accepted additional responsibilities to expand her knowledge. She has played a significant role for Lebanon Fire District with her commitment to the fire service. Chief is proud to present the badge to BC Nunes.

Vice President White made mention of the early 80s when the first female firefighter joined the male-dominated profession. He shared an early memory in BC Nunes career and extended his congratulations.

Division Chief Tacy swore in BC Nunes. BC Nunes son presented the badge to her daughter who then pinned the badge on her mom.

Chief Rodondi presented a copper challenge coin to BC Nunes.

BC Nunes thanked her family for their support. Added thanks were extended to Sutherlin Fire and all who came to the pinning.

ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION AT 5:57 pm.

Robert Taylor, Board President

Joseph Rodondi, Fire Chief