



**CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & ROLL CALL: 6:00 p.m.**

**PRESENT**

Directors: President Lisa Pratt, Vice President Loren Dieter, Directors David Boor and James Ratzlaff  
Staff: Battalion Chief/Training Officer Sam Irons, Fire Marshal Marty Broadbent, Captain Jeremy Gierke, Company Officer Peter Haney, Firefighter Justice Watson, Firefighter Austen Alder, and Executive Assistant Suzanne Gray,  
Via Zoom: Chief Mike Hughes and Director Mike Sowa  
Audience: Brandon Hammond, City Manager (departed 6:04 pm) and Austen Alder Family

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

City Manager Brandon Hammond reported that he has received 30 phone calls from landowners regarding the Vegetation Management Ordinance. Overall, positively received. Only two of the calls were negative. Within two weeks everything will be in accordance of the height of 6–10-inch standard. The ordinance is effective year-round.

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:**

Financial Reports to follow Fire Chief’s Report directly due to Oregon Fire Chief’s conference.

**DIRECTOR REPORTS**

1. The Board Policies have been adopted. All corrections are incorporated. The agenda placeholder will be removed for future meetings.
2. Since the last meeting, there have been no SDAO meetings.

**FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT – Chief Hughes**

1. Mark Sowa received his Paramedic Certification. Congratulations to him.
2. Columbia Development Authority (CDA) Land:  
Court Trial set for December 17, 2026. Mediation is set for October at the conclusion of wildland fire season. Hopefully the issue will be resolved by trial date.
3. New Ambulance:  
A two-wheel drive ambulance was shipped. The company is processing a new four-wheel drive ambulance. BFRD will use the two-wheel drive one as back up and return it when the four-wheel drive ambulance arrives.
4. Future Fire Station, Airport Road:  
AWS is completing a feasibility study to determine what is appropriate and what can be done for BFRD moving forward.
5. Helipad:
  - a. Progress to begin in the next 30 days.
  - b. McCormack is providing in-kind donations through contractors.
  - c. Morrow County Health District awarded BFRD a grant in amount of \$10,000 for the helipad. A check was received earlier this week.

6. Chief Hughes is currently attending the Oregon Fire Chiefs Conference in Sunriver.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORTS – Chief Mike Hughes**

- Chief Hughes mentioned April's Year-To-Date Budget-to-Actual which looks good.
- CREZ III expected to disperse \$18,000 Public Service fee.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

1. April 14, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approve Bills and Payables

Vice President Dieter: moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented; Director Boor seconded. Vote: President Pratt: Aye; Vice President Dieter: Aye; Director Boor: Aye; Director Ratzlaff: Aye; Director Sowa: Aye. Motion carried.

#### **ACTION ITEMS - None**

#### **FIRE LOSS MANAGEMENT DIVISION REPORT – Captain Jeremy Gierke**

- First quarter 2026 City of Boardman payment for services in amount of \$154, 421.59.
- CPR classes for 26 individuals conducted in April.
- Testing and Inspection for sites listed in the attached report. One permit and one state inspection and plan reviews completed.

#### **EMS REPORT – Firefighter Peter Haney**

- Medical calls in April totaled 42 EMS calls (Shift A: 17, Shift B: 11, Shift C: 14). The breakdown included 29 transported to Good Shepherd and 13 refusals which is a 69% transport rate.

#### **FIRE OFFICER'S REPORT – Firefighter Peter Haney**

- Shift A performed ladder operations with Truck 81 business and residential buildings in the City of Boardman.
- April fire calls totaled 28. There were 74 overall April calls.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Mrs. Gray will email Special Districts Association of Oregon's survey to Directors.

#### **TRAINING DIVISION REPORT – Battalion Chief/Training Officer Sam Irons**

- Twenty-nine members contributed a total of 329 hours of training in April. The increase in hours is due to the Wildland package.
- A Fire Extinguisher training for 40 Beef Northwest employees.
- Two probation tests administered. Both three-month and nine-month exams were passed.
- Mutual Aid given:
  - five to Irrigon, two to Umatilla County Fire District #1
  - no aid received

#### **PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

- Two employees have passed probation and will be sworn in tonight. This is the first time both are on shift during a board night. Four tests are run every three months during the first year of employment. The tests cover basic firefighting and EMS skills and familiarizes staff to the District.

- Firefighter/EMT Justice Watson came to BFRD from Warrenton, Oregon two years ago. Chief Irons administered the Oath of Office. Firefighter Peter Haney pinned the badge.
- Firefighter/EMT Austen Alder arrived at BFRD from Umatilla's Resident Intern program little over a year ago. Chief Irons administered the Oath of Office. Firefighter Alder's mother pinned his badge.
- President Pratt expressed the board's congratulations for the hard work through training and testing. Vice-President also extended congratulations and said he looks forward to seeing each advance in their careers.

**CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION – None**

**NEXT MEETING –**

Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Budget Committee Meeting: Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**AJOURNED:** 6:17 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Gray*