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Dexter Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting of the Board of Directors In person March 18, 2025

Call to Order: Board Chair Bob Holland called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

Present: Directors Bob Holland, Larry Severance, and Tim Strinz

Absent: Rich Stronach & Larry Swartz

Staff: Chief Wooldridge, Haley Meshnik, Aiden Rozcicha

Guests: None

Minutes: The Board reviewed the minutes of the February 18, 2025, Board of Directors meeting. Director Tim Strinz moved to accept the minutes as presented. Director Larry Severance seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Review and Bill Approval: The Board reviewed the financial statements and district bills. Director Larry Severance made a motion to approve the financial statements and pay the districts bills. Director Tim Strinz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: None

Chief's Report: Chief provided his report.

Staffing: Chief Wooldridge reported that staffing has remained the same and volunteers are pulling more hours this spring. They have 8 volunteer applicants and are planning an April Firefighter 1 Academy.

Responses: January call volume: 37. 2 fire related (structure fire, wildland fire, rail vehicle fire and unauthorized burning), 22 medical related, 1 motor vehicle accident, and 9 false alarms or no incident found calls, and 2 smoke/odor of smoke.

Grants: Chief Wooldridge shared that the air packs will arrive before academy.

Personnel: Task performance evaluations are completed.

Community: Districts awards banquet was a success.

General Upgrades: We share NetDuty, a scheduling app, with Pleasant Hill Goshen RFPD.

End of Chief's report.

Unfinished Business:

Audit: Chief Wooldridge shared an update of the draft audit for FY 2022/2023.

Tim Strinz made a motion to accept the draft audit and authorized the Fire Chief to sign. Larry Severance seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Budget: Schedule and potential participants: Dulcy & Heath Pierce, Bob Hollands's neighbor, Rich Stronach's wife? The budget schedule will start in April and the Chief will send out the notice and draft for review.

New Business:

Chief Wooldridge shared that he applied for the ODFM Summer Wildland Grant. He shared that it made it through the House and is waiting on the Governor to sign.

Chief Wooldridge asked the board about the history of the "Lifetime board" on the back of the training room. He wanted to understand the criteria for these achievements and inquire if he could put up the new awards and share that space. The board was in agreement that they liked the idea and that the chief could expand the wall to include current awards.

The board is interested in understanding how much the district makes when we participate in conflagrations. The Chief will provide this information.

Adjournment: Director Tim Strinz motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:33pm. Director second. Larry Severance Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Executive Assistant
Haley Meshnik