**Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**In person and on Zoom**

**February 21, 2023**

**Call to order:** Board President Bob Holland called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

**Present:** Directors Larry Swartz, Bob Holland, Don Richardson, Rich Stronach, Larry Severance, Fire Chief Larry Wooldridge, and Recording Secretary Bonnie Graham.

**Comments from the Attending Public:** No Public attending.

**Approval of the January 17, 2023, Regular Board Minutes:**

The Board reviewed the minutes of January 17, 2023, Regular Board Minutes. Director Larry Severance made a motion to approve the minutes of January 17, 2023, Regular Board Meeting as presented. Director Don Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**Correspondence:** The Directors received The Comunique from SDAO. The Board members were reminded that there are the three positions coming up for election on May 16, 2023, and if running for the positions they need to fill out the SEL190.

**Chief’s Report:** Apparatus Update: Chief Wooldridge explained to the Board that Heavy Rescue 2112 cost the district $8,900 in valve repairs to pass the pump test so now Coyle Fire can come pick it up.

Grant Updates; Chief Wooldridge explained to the Board that the Firehouse Subs grant for 20 portables has to be changed due to price increases on the radios. Chief Wooldridge has been in contact with Firehouse Subs and they can not change the amount for the grant because it was already approved. Chief has asked them about lowing the radios from 20 to 18 to keep in line with the grant amount. Firehouse Subs will be contacting the district to see if their Board will approve the 18 radios.

Staffing Grant; Chief Wooldridge explained to the Board that the ODF Grant for 2 full time firefighters has been pushed to April for releasing who has received the grant. ODF will also be doing the $35,000 Wildland Firefighters Summer Hire Grant again this year.

Levy Complaint; Chief Wooldridge told the Board he talk with legal counsel about the Levy compliant file with Lane County Elections and that it will be a civil violation and not a district one.

Lane Community College; Chief Wooldridge told the Board that one of the residents that is in EMT classes at Lane wants to talk to his classmates about volunteering here at Dexter.

Staff Update; Justin Fox is working on getting all the volunteers training files up to date and stay in compliance with the state. Ben Simons will be returning to work with 100% release from his doctor on March 1st so we will be saying goodbye to Brandon Stevens who stepped in while Ben was on medical leave.

Justin Fox is putting on a 6 hour Boating class on March 5th at 10 am here at the station.

Chief Wooldridge told the Board that the SAFER Grant opens up March 1st and will be applying for that.

**Unfinished Business:** Parking lot; The engineering firm is processing the core samples and will get back to us on the results.

**New Business:** Nominate Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024 Budget Officer; Director Rich Stronach nominated Chief Wooldridge for 2023 – 2024 Budget Officer. Director Larry Severance seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on only having two budget committee members and who could the Board members ask. The consensus of the Board is to talk with the community and see if people are interested.

Adjournment.

Director Larry Swartz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Director Rich Stronach seconded.

Motion passed.

**Adjournment:** Director Don Richardson made a motion to adjourn at 9:13 p.m. Director Larry Severance seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Graham

Recording Secretary