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## Dexter Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors Meeting

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### Meeting of the Board of Directors In person March 17, 2026

**Call to Order:** Board Chair Bob Holland called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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

**Absent:** Directors Rich Stronach & Larry Swartz

**Staff:** Chief Wooldridge & Haley Meshnik

**Guests:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes:** The Board reviewed the Board Meeting minutes of February 17th, 2026. Director Larry Severance moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Director Tim Strinz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**Correspondence:** Lucas is resigning at the end of the month due to not being about to return to work with his non-work injury.

**Chief's Report:** Chief provided his report.

*\*The Board reviewed the Fire Chief's Reports, which were attached as addendums and are available on file.*

- Staffing: Staffing has been updated due to an employee out on a non-work injury. We have hired a temporary replacement from our last recruitment assessment.
- Responses: 30 calls in February. Chief shared that they responded to 20 medical related calls, 3 fire related, and 7 motor vehicle accidents.
- General Updates: Measure 20-373 – measure to create a bill of rights for public watershed. Could prevent us from drafting from lakes, streams, and rivers. There is a lot of interest in the resident program. Three more candidates are interested and we already have 2 living at the station.

Chief Wooldridge shared that our payroll platform was not tracking overtime hours in a way that staff could benefit from the tax changes. Chief went through everyone's OT hours and wrote a letter of explanation for each employee. He has changes in place so this will not happen again.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**Audit: Plan of Action review and approval.** Chief Wooldridge shared an update on the FY 24/25 audit that was submitted to our auditor and we are waiting for the draft audit documents to review.

Chief shared that the district needs to submit a Plan of Action to the State that explains how we will address the findings from the FY23/24 Audit. The board discussed the plan of action that includes the board treasurer coming before the meeting to review and sign off on all the financials.

*Director Tim Strinz moved to approve signing and submitting the Plan of Action. Director Larry Severance seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

### **Levy Renewal Discussion Continued: Measure 20-382**

Chief Wooldridge shared that we have a ballot measure for our Levy Renewal #20-382. He shared that we made a one page front and back flyer with the discussed frequently asked questions, that we plan to post to the website.

He added that he had an interview with the local Look Out Eugene news feed and he will be interviewed again this Friday in more depth on our upcoming levy. Be looking for the article next week. Title: **“Dexter voters to decide on fire district tax renewal”**

### **New Business:**

**Budget: Timeline and Committee** Chief shared that he has 3 confirmed members for the budget committee and needs 2 more to volunteer by the end of the month.

**OFSM Staffing Grant** Chief Wooldridge shared that he submitted for the \$35K Oregon State Fire Marshal staffing grant and it will be announced in April.

**Dual Band Radios for S2128 & C2100** Chief shared that Lane County is switching to a Dual Band radio and he would like to start the transition to meet the change. He said that they are about \$6K each and his thought was to put one in the budget for FY 26/27 and then another in the following FY budget. *Director Larry Severance moved to approve the purchase of the Dual Band \$6K Radio in the FY26/27 budget and then another radio in budget FY 27/28. Director Tim Strinz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

**Webpage ADA Compliance** Chief shared with the board that by April of 2027 we need to update our website to be ADA compliant, due to the new laws. Our website host, Streamline, has partnered with DocAccess who we met with to discuss what they can provide. They have provided a quote of \$3K a year to make our PDFs readable with a screen reader. Chief Wooldridge plans to look into this and see if we can find a cheaper option. He shared that the risk is being sued and if the cost to provide this service is too expensive for the district, we may have to consider shutting off our website.

Good of the Order: The 2 open houses are scheduled for Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm and Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

An informational Levy Renewal postcard is being drafted with the goal to have it in registered voters' mailboxes by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

The next Board meeting will be on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

**Adjournment:** Director Larry Severance motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:29 pm. Director Tim Strinz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Executive Assistant - Haley Meshnik