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Dexter Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting of the Board of Directors

In person
April 21, 2026

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

Present: Directors Bob Holland, Larry Severance, Larry Swartz, Rich Stronach and Tim Strinz

Absent: Haley Meshnik

Staff: Chief Wooldridge

Guests: None

Public Comment: None

Minutes: The Board reviewed the Board Meeting minutes of March 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 Larry Swartz 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.

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

- Staffing: Staffing is back to 3 full-time shift employees. We have summer staff personnel ready for hire should we receive the OSFM summer staffing grant.
- Responses: 35 calls in March. Chief shared that they responded to 29 medical related calls, 2 fire related, and 4 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. I assisted with some video for commercials on this topic.

Unfinished Business:

Levy Renewal Discussion Continued: Measure 20-382

Chief Wooldridge shared that we have had a good social media information presence for our Levy Renewal #20-382. He shared that we had an open house on April 8th and we have another one on April 25th at 4pm.

He added that he had an interview with the local KPNW new radio station on the 20th and felt it went well and that KLCC will be out on the 22nd for an in-person interview.

Chief Wooldridge also presented the mailer that will be going out and asked the board for their approval of layout and information. The mailer should hit mailboxes at the end of April.

Director Larry Swartz moved to approve the mailer as presented. Director Tim Strinz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

OFSM Staffing Grant Chief Wooldridge shared that the grants have not been awarded yet but that we may see those awards go out by the end of the month.

New Business:

Budget: Timeline and Committee Chief Wooldridge shared the budget timeline for the next 2 months. Chief Wooldridge presented the 5 names for the Budget Committee that have volunteered to be on the committee and that the board needs to appoint them at this time.

Director Tim Strinz moved to appoint the public budget members to the committee. Director Rich Stronach seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Audit update 24/25 Chief Wooldridge shared that the audit has been completed. We had two variations that are due to our small size of business and that these are noted each year. We have taken the suggested measures from the auditor to show our diligence in transparency and getting extra reviews of our monthly financial statements. Chief Wooldridge will be signing the final documents and sending them back to auditors for finals.

B-Shift Permanent Position Chief Wooldridge shared that our temporary hire, Alexis Gregory, has accepted the full-time position and will now begin her probationary portion of the job, with certain benchmarks to accomplish before moving to a Lieutenants rank.

The next Board meeting will be on May 19th at 4pm, with Budget Committee to follow.

Adjournment: Director Rich Stronach motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:19 pm. Director Larry Severance seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Fire Chief – Larry Wooldridge