

Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue
2625 Highway 101 North, Florence, OR 97439

Minutes of Board Meeting- February 20, 2019
Meeting Recorded and Televised

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Directors John Carnahan, Woody Woodbury, Tony Phillips, and Ned Hickson.

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Director Ron Green

STAFF PRESENT: Interim Chief/Director Steve Abel, Office Manager Dina McClure, Operations Chief Jim Dickerson and Admin. Assistant Mary Dimon.

Director Carnahan called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Director Hickson made the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on January 16, 2019. Director Phillips seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

2. **FINANCIALS:** Financial Review Given by Dina McClure

Director Woodbury made a motion to ratify the bills paid and the transfers made for the previous month totaling \$145,052.45. Director Phillips seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: None

STAFF REPORTS:

3. **Chief/Director Report:** Given by Interim Chief Abel.
4. **Operations Division Chief Report:** Given by Chief Dickerson.
5. **Office Manager's Report:** Given by Dina McClure

NEW BUSINESS

6. **Appoint Budget Committee Member:** Budget Committee has one position available. There were three applications presented to the Directors. There was discussion about each applicant.

Director Hickson made a motion to appoint James Palisi to the SVFR Budget Committee. Director Phillips seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7. **IGA Committee Recommendation for 3rd Entity:**

WLAD Board President Rick Yecny, Chair of the IGA Committee, updated the directors on the discussion that took place at the last IGA Committee meeting on Feb. 13th, 2019. There was discussion to propose a 3rd entity which would combine the administration of SVFR and WLAD, employ the Fire and EMS chief, both division chiefs of Operations, and the administration staff. There would still be an IGA Committee Board in addition to the two existing boards. A 3rd entity would enable the boards to hold joint meetings

once a month, reducing administration time and increasing transparency. The 3rd entity would have no tax revenue authority and its budget would be paid equally by WLAD and SVFR. Added cost would include a third audit, and insurance and legal fees for approx. \$20K. Yecny said creating the 3rd entity would strengthen the IGA.

Director Yecny said a 3rd entity would also provide an opportunity down the road for Mapleton, Swisshome and Deadwood districts to share administration. Director Hickson added it would also provide those districts opportunity for additional training and grants.

Director Yecny said there will be a special meeting of both boards March 7th to consider a resolution to move forward on the 3rd entity. This would give Chief Abel direction to draft an ordinance to create the 3rd entity.

Director Yecny said doing this now would allow budgets to be prepared for the coming fiscal year. He handed out a sample budget for the 3rd entity and explained some of the line items that will be shared costs.

Director Carnahan was concerned the 3rd entity was a huge step and thought that there should be more time for public input. Director Woodbury also expressed concern about how fast this was moving.

Director Hickson suggested that Chief Ney visit to provide his experience creating a 3rd entity.

Chief Abel explained the IGA is already in place and the only thing a 3rd entity would do is change the budget, give equal representation to both boards, and strengthen the IGA.

Marvin Tipler, from the audience, suggested the board do a mock budget now and see where things are a year from now.

Director Yecny explained that the process could always be started in the middle of the year with a supplemental budget, but it is best to start July 1 with a new budget.

Director Hickson said it would be good to get the WLAD and the SVFR Boards together to discuss this further.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: FURA report in packet submitted by John Scott

FUTURE AGENDA BUSINESS:

Special Meeting & Executive Session with WLAD and SVFR on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at 8:30am.

Special Meeting with WLAD and WVFR on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 5:30pm.

Regular Joint Meeting with WLAD on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

Director Carnahan adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Dimon, Recording Secretary

Recorded meeting available on SVFR website at www.svfr.org