

Lowell Rural Fire Protection District
Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors – August 9, 2023

Call to Order – At 1900 by Director J. Prenevost

Swearing in of New Members. New Board Members, Mike Ballenger, June Walker and John Meyer were sworn in.

Elections of Officers. J. Walker moved to retain the Officer positions from the previous year. M. Ballenger seconded. Motion passed.

Roll Call – J. Prenevost, B. Burr, Chief Dragt, M. Meyers, J. Walker

Additions to the Agenda.
Comments from the Floor – None

Approval of June 14, 2023 – J. Walker moved to approve the June minutes as presented. M. Ballenger seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.

Correspondence – None

Unfinished Business – None

Treasurers Report – Chief Dragt reported a new budget year began July 1, 2023. A cash carryforward of approximately 223k exists until the tax receipts begin to be deposited.

J. Meyer moved to pay the bills. J. Walker seconded the motion. Motion passed.

New Business

Resolution 2023-2 Authorizing Volunteer Workers Comp Coverage.

J. Meyer moved to adopt Resolution 2023-2. M. Ballenger seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-3 Establishing Agent of Record.

J. Walker moved to adopt Resolution 2023-3. J. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-4 Establishing Meeting Date, Time and Location.

Board Members requested Chief Dragt update the Resolution for signature changing the meeting time to 5pm. J. Walker moved to adopt Resolution 2023-4 with the noted adjustment. J. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-5 Acceptance of Wildland Grant.

J. Walker moved to adopt Resolution 2023-5. J. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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Resolution 2023-6 Authorizing a Supplemental Budget for the Wildland Grant Revenue

J. Walker moved to adopt Resolution 2023-6. J. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Comments from the Floor. None. No attendees present.

Chiefs Update –

Calls for July. Total of 45 calls. 3 – Fire, 29- Rescue EMS/MVA, 2 - Assist Police, 10 - Good Intent, 1 – False Alarm.

Calls for August. Total of 47 Calls. 5 – Fire, 23 – Medical, 6 – MVAs, 2 – Water Rescues, 3 – Service Calls, 8 – Good Intent

Summer Hires resulting from the OSFM grant have been made. Volunteers with appropriate certifications not currently scheduled are eligible for the positions.

Bedrock Fire Update: LRFD was first on scene to the fire which was out of district. Chief has attended all co-op meetings and is staying abreast of the situation. The SO has worked with LRFD and has evacuation lines and plans in place. The fire was human started in an illegal location and is still under investigation.

Lowell Fire District took possession of a boat from Dexter Fire who provided it to us free of cost. We are developing a training program in conjunction with the Sheriff's Office. We expect to be able to put in on the lakes for use Summer 2024.

Budget for 2024-2025 is being reviewed. A Type-6 Brush truck is being considered as an upcoming capital purchase. The Board and Chief discussed upcoming vehicle maintenance and purchase costs.

SDAO Conference in Seaside registration has opened for Board members who are interested in attending.

No further progress has been made in discussions on the City Hall property. Chief Dragt will continue to follow up.

Board Comments – None

Next Meeting, October 11, 2023

Adjourned – 1932hrs.

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Board President

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Board Vice President

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Board Secretary/Treasurer

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Board Director

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