



- Robert Taylor, Board President
- Dale White, Vice President
- Wyatt King, Secretary/Treasurer
- Matt Herb, Member
- Robbe Boren, Member

- John Tacy, Fire Chief
- Mark Fitzwater, DC of Operations
- Candace Hedding, Fire Marshal
- Russell Duerr, DC of Training
- Desiree Barker, Chief Administrative Officer
- Cindy Kroll, Administrative Assistant

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:30 PM

FLAG SALUTE

MINUTES

Agenda Item # 1 – Approval of February 10, 2026 Minutes

Member Herb made a motion to approve the board meeting minutes and executive session minutes as written, Secretary/Treasurer King 2nd the motion.

Vote:

Board President Taylor - Absent
Vice President White - Yea
Secretary/Treasurer King - Yea
Member Herb - Yea
Member Boren – Yea

Motion Approved.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

(Limited to 5 minutes per speaker)
There were no citizen comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #2 – Badge Pinning

Chief Tacy recognized Lt. Kemper and conducted the swearing-in ceremony.

- Chief Tacy administered the oath of office.
- Lt. Kemper was pinned by his wife, Julie Kemper.

Agenda Item #3 – Annexation Request

Secretary/Treasurer King disclosed a potential conflict of interest, as his insurance agency provides services for the property located on McDowell Creek Drive.

Chief Tacy briefed the board on revisiting Snow Peak annexation that was presented at the last meeting. The motions and voting were missed, so they needed to be corrected. He also presented a new annexation request.

Member Herb made a motion to approve the two annexation requests at 40850 McDowell Creek Drive and 43349 Snow Peak Drive as written, Secretary/Treasurer King 2nd the motion.

Vote:

Board President Taylor - Absent
Vice President White - Yea
Secretary/Treasurer King - Yea
Member Herb - Yea
Member Boren – Yea

Motion Approved.

Agenda Item #4 – CWDG Grant Vehicle Purchase

Chief Tacy requested the Board’s approval for an expenditure exceeding \$50,000 for a vehicle, noting that the expense will be reimbursed through the CWDG grant.

Member King made a motion to approve the expenditure as presented, Member Herb 2nd the motion.

Vote:

Board President Taylor - Absent
Vice President White - Yea
Secretary/Treasurer King - Yea
Member Herb - Yea
Member Boren – Yea

Motion Approved.

Agenda Item #5 – Appoint Budget Officer

Chief Tacy requested that he be appointed as the official Budget Officer, responsible for presenting the budget to the Budget Committee.

Member Herb made a motion to appoint Chief Tacy as Budget Officer, Secretary/Treasurer King 2nd the motion.

Vote:

Board President Taylor - Absent
Vice President White - Yea
Secretary/Treasurer King - Yea
Member Herb - Yea
Member Boren – Yea

Motion Approved.

REPORTS

Agenda Item #6 – Financial Report

Chief Tacy provided CAO Barker’s financial updates:

- Tax Revenue: 92% received; 8% remaining.
- Fire and Life Safety Fees: Revenue is nearly double last year’s amount.
- OHA is preparing the documents to send to the GEMT providers.
- GEMT funding is anticipated soon.
- FireMed enrollments are tracking with previous years, the automatic renewal option is now available online.

- Station 34 maintenance costs have been notably high.
 - Unemployment expenses have been higher than anticipated. LFD reimburses the state for unemployment claims. LFD is responsible even if an employee quits.
 - Contract services is high this time of year due to vendor contract annual renewals.
- Fire Marshal Hedding provided an update on plan review fees:

- Fees collected for plan reviews totaled approximately \$18,000. Commercial plan review fees collected by the city were approximately \$3,000 last year.
- Significant new construction and plan review progress has been noted this year.

Agenda Item #7 – Legislative update(s)

Chief Tacy provided an update on the GEMT program:

- The GEMT program funding had been under scrutiny at the federal level, particularly by CMS (Medicare/Medicaid), which raised concerns that Oregon was at risk of losing the funds.
- This created potential liability for the District and other local agencies regarding receipt of GEMT funds.
- A legislative change was passed unanimously, allowing Oregon to receive GEMT funds through an adjusted process similar to other states.
- Chief Tacy noted that this change was a positive development for the department.

Agenda Item #8 – Union Address the Board

- Union Secretary/Treasurer Perkins congratulated Lt. Kemper on his recent badge pinning.
- Member Herb expressed appreciation to the Union for their participation in the Budget Workshop.

Agenda Item #9 – Volunteers Address the Board

DC Duerr provided an update on the volunteer application progress:

- Volunteer applications for the Spring season will close in April.
- Three new support volunteers have applied and are going through the application process.

Agenda Item #10 – Fire Chief Report

Fire Chief Tacy reported on various topics:

- Station 34 connection to the city water system has been completed.
- Station 34 insulation is under review. Bids have been received from three vendors to correct the insulation and extend the life of the roof.

Chief Tacy spoke with political consultant, Liz Loomis regarding potential levy timing.

- Loomis recommended running a levy in May 2027, suggesting November would be too soon.
- She emphasized that the District needs time to educate the community.

Chief Tacy reached out to another consulting group, Reagan Knopp, recommended by the City of Lebanon and local legislators, but has not yet received a response.

Secretary/Treasurer King asked about the services and value offered by the consultants.

- Chief Tacy shared services are highly tailored and customizable. He proposed focusing on marketing and messaging strategies if a consultant is engaged.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:00 pm PER ORS 192.660(2)(d): TO CONDUCT DELIBERATIONS ON LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION at 6:33 pm

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

There were no other agenda items.

ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION AT 6:34 pm.



Robert Taylor, Board President



John Tacy, Fire Chief