



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

- Joseph Rodondi, Fire Chief
- John Tacy, DC of Operations
- Ken Foster, Fire Marshal
- Mark Fitzwater, DC of Training
- Desiree Barker, Chief Administrative Officer

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:30 PM

FLAG SALUTE

MINUTES

Agenda item # 1 – Approval of July 8, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes

Secretary Treasurer King made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Member Boren 2nd the motion.

Vote:

Board President Taylor - Yea
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 – Annexation Updates

Chief Rodondi opened the discussion on annexation referencing the discussion at the last meeting to move forward with annexation.

Deputy Fire Marshal Hedding provided an update on the annexation planning process.

- We'd like to move forward in notifying 115 property owners of SB 1068, giving them 90 days to respond with their interest in annexing their property, or to decline the opportunity.
- DFM Hedding also highlighted the steps following the response to the letter.
- The filing deadline for the 2026 property tax assessment is March 31, 2026. 100% participation will add potentially \$65,000-\$100,000 to our tax revenue in the coming years, but we only anticipate a 5%-10% participation.
- All but two properties are within 7 road miles from one of our Stations. The majority of the properties are in the Sodaville and Middle Ridge area.
- The properties that have any future large-scale improvements require permits. We will be notified of permits or sales.

Member Boren made a motion to move forward with sending the annexation letter to the 115 property owners and was 2nd by Vice President White.

Vote:

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

Motion Approved.

Agenda Item #3 – Treatment Without Ambulance Transport

Chief Rodondi introduced the intent to move forward with billing patients for Treatment-In-Place that is in our Fee Schedule.

- An example of these treatments is treating diabetics who use services and medications, but who do not transport to a hospital.
- Treat in Place allows us to recoup some of our costs.
- We would begin a Treat in Place when no transportation occurs allowing us to bill for the service.
- The charity policy allows us to be prepared to write-off the charges when it is our only recourse.
- Next month we anticipate bringing a Charity Policy for the Board to review.

Agenda Item #4 – Crux Rescue – Training Tower Discussion

Division Chief Fitzwater provided information on a new partnership potential. Crux Rescue company has approached us to trade valuable services.

- Crux Rescue provides confined spaces training.
- If we allow them to build a 30-foot-tall tower on-stie, we receive free training classes.
- Crux Rescue pays all costs to build and/or remove the tower.
- Member Herb is mostly concerned with the liability to the District. DC Fitzwater informed him that Crux has their own liability coverage, and it protects us. Secretary Treasurer King added insurance suggestions for consideration.
- We may be back with information at a future Board meeting.

REPORTS

Agenda Item #5 – Financial Report

Chief Administrative Officer Barker provided the financial report.

- In response to Secretary Treasurer King’s emailed questions, CAO Barker explained his budget questions. We’ve paid the second installment on the truck refurbishment. Linn County Elections does not provide elections estimates. Our budgeted amount was less than the invoiced amount. Chief explained how Linn County Elections divides the charges among those up for vote.
- We have participated in 3 conflags. OSFM will reimburse us \$114,000. This covers our expenses for payroll and apparatus usage.
- Palisades and the FEMA reimbursements are still pending.

- Accounts receivable in-house is approximately \$16,000. Tactical Business Group's ending June accounts receivable balance was \$2.1 million, without accounting for insurance write-offs.
- Financial statements ideal range is 91%. The review of payroll distributions is under review. There will be corrections.
- Audits are scheduled for August 26th with SAIF, and September 17-18 with Accuity.

Agenda #6 – Legislative updates

Division Chief Tacy updated the Board on legislative news.

- House bill 3243, Balanced Billing has been passed through the governor and take effect January 2026.
- The bill is now with a committee allowing input. DC Tacy is on the committee. Some suggestions are:
 - 90-day repayment to insurers as opposed to 30-days, or the ORS that allows 18-months.
 - Paying EMS providers directly to eliminate patient intervention as it is better for the patient.
 - Mutual Aid prescribed rate directed to the responding provider. Example: If Albany is called and LFD assists, then Albany would receive the rate, not LFD.
 - Annually we are required to submit our rates. Adding a “no rate changes” checkbox was suggested.
 - Transparency laws publish rates. Some insurance was paying Medicare rate, but insurers will now pay the published rates.
 - More comments are expected this week.

Chief Rodondi commended the Board for allowing DC Tacy to participate in legislative activities. He also thanked DC Tacy for his efforts.

Agenda Item #7 – Union Address the Board

There was no Union member present to address the Board.

Agenda Item #8 – Volunteers Address the Board

Division Chief Fitzwater informed the Board that we are accepting applications for academy in October. He has reached out to 25 applicants.

Agenda Item #9 – Fire Chief Report

The OHA workshop relating to the SPA agreement. It is due on the 28th and is 98% complete. This will revert us back to what it was before it was changed without expectation. It's been 14 months since we asked for them to be heard and work with us.

Budget spending is required. Windows 11 is here, and we cannot wait any longer to purchase computers. IT will be replacing, rather than manipulating, the system to save money in the long run.

We've had fires but had great responses.

August 12, 2025

We had a challenge of life jacket theft. We pursued a public media campaign and developed a plan to ring this topic to the public. Directly after the Facebook post, a news station came, and Kibble responded. A few days later another news station came by, and FM Foster was interviewed. We received first state Marine Board brought 30 life jackets. The second donation came from a gentleman, retired Navy. He and his wife used to donate in the Portland area. They wanted to reduce the drownings on the rivers. He generously donated 30 new lifejackets and a cash donation. Stolen jackets may be used, so his thought was it was still used.

One more potential donation next year is from Nautilus next year.

Saturday a wind-driven grass fire on Green Mtn drive. First crews slowed it down. The fire was upgraded to a second alarm. A person was cleaning up a fire ring and used and it took off. 3 barns and two houses were threatened. It came within 10 feet. It jumped Green Mountain Road, but ODF was on scene to assist.

30x30 slow moving fire was suppressed with another 100 yards away. 100 foot diameter and appeared that someone was setting the fires.

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

Executive Session was canceled.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

There were no other agenda items.

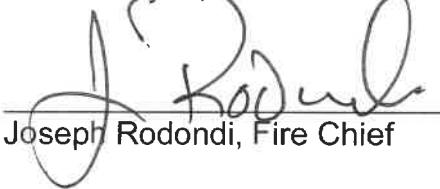
Member Herb asked if we had reader boards available to post fire danger messages.

- Chief answered his question explaining how we couldn't afford new reader boards, but we do have trailer signage.
- Future high-danger notification using our trailer signs in high traffic areas may come to fruition.

ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION AT 6:22 pm.



Robert Taylor, Board President



Joseph Rodondi, Fire Chief