

Aumsville Fire District



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES 490 Church Street, Aumsville

April 10, 2025

Call to order: Meeting called to order by President Rachel Fellis at 18:34 or 6:34 pm.

Attendance:

Board members: Present: Rachel Fellis, Wayne Kuhl (telephone),
Odas Coleman, Ed Higgins, Nic Schrock

Staff: Chief Robert Garrison: Assistant Chief Brett Swenson, Office Administrator Jamie Chamberlin

Volunteers:

Public:

Flag salute: led by Director Higgins.

Approval of April 10, 2025, Agenda: Action: *Director Coleman made the motion to approve the April 10, 2025, agenda. Seconded by Director Higgins. All approved*

Approval of March 13, 2025, Minutes: Action: *Director Higgins made the motion to approve March 13, 2025, minutes. Director Coleman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

Treasurer Report: March reports were shared with the Board. Funds are all where they should be. There are no major lockdowns on spending. Chief Garrison and staff will continue to monitor spending.

Public Comments: None

Volunteer Association:

Old Business:

Operations Levy Update: Jamie reported that the "safe harbor status" has been reached. This means that if someone disputes the web page or Facebook information the state has approved the information. Staff is working on fliers now. We need to make it clear that we are not raising the rate, just replacing the bond levy with an operation levy. Lifepacs are breaking and replacement is getting critical.

Fence Update: Director Coleman had his crew drop off the materials to put up the cedar fence. Jim (neighbor) has come in a couple of times and said that he would like it to be a "good neighbor" fence with slats on both sides. The fence is going to be on his property with slats on his side of the fence. If he wants to pay for the slats for the other side, the district will put them up. Director Fellis asked that the district let the board know when the fence was going to be put up. Waiting for a bit drier weekend.

New Business:

Adopt Budget committee. All 4 of the previous budget committee members have confirmed. Director Schrock said that he had someone for the fifth position. Jamie will reach out to Kathy Bennet. Director Coleman made the motion to adopt the budget committee. Director Higgins seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Umpqua Bank certification of officers: Jamie Chamberlin spoke with Umpqua Bank. Due to Josh Phillis and Ed Higgins resigning their positions, the bank is requiring the Board to re-sign the certification paperwork. This will be tabled until after the election and the process of new Board elections for the position of Secretary. Motion was made by Director Coleman and seconded by Director Schrock to table the recertification process until after the May election.

Chief's Report:

Radio update: Metcom meeting. All the south county chiefs agree that the cost is too high and they are not going to pay. There was an email that was sent out from one of the commissioner's staff saying that he was going to write a letter to all of the Board members as he felt that there was a lack of communication from the Chief's to their Boards. After feedback from the various districts' Chiefs, this was rescinded by one of the commissioners. After the Metcom meeting, Commissioner Willis said that there may be more funding. Patrick spoke after the meeting and said that there is a simulcast system option and he will build a proposal for the South County. More to come.

New Trailer: The district purchased a used flatbed trailer for the lawnmower. It is a nice trailer with ramps and sidewalls. Besides hauling the lawnmower, it will be used for other purposes such as hauling lumber for the burn to learns, garbage to the dump etc.

Good of the Order:

Aumsville Fire assisted Turner Fire District with two fires. The first was a cabin at Aldersgate Christian Camp. The other was a shed/vehicle fire.

Aumsville responded to a traffic accident. A Ford F150 hit a tree. The driver did not have a seatbelt on and sustained some injuries.

Burn to Learn: April 12th on Howell Prairie Rd. Marion County Fire and Aumsville Fire will be participating.

Firefighter day at Brothers Car Museum: Director Higgins said that the Firefighter day at Brothers Car Museum will be held on July 27th. All firefighters and family get free admission. Also, there will be a Cruise in at the museum on August 17. All slots are full.

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2025, following the Budget Committee meeting.

Adjourn: **Action:** *Motion to adjourn by Director Coleman and seconded by Director Higgins. Motion carried unanimously adjourning the meeting at 19:14 hours (7:14 p.m.).*

Rachel Fellis, President _____ Date: _____

Ed Higgins, Secretary _____ Date: _____