

Aumsville Fire District



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

490 Church Street, Aumsville

June 12, 2025

Call to order: Meeting called to order by President Rachel Fellis at 18:47 or 6:47 pm

Attendance:

Board members: Present: Rachel Fellis, Wayne Kuhl, Odas Coleman, Ed Higgins

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

Volunteers:

Public: Jim Wallace, Dr. Nick Crapser

Approval of June 12, 2025, Agenda: Action: Director Kuhl made the motion to approve June 12, 2025, agenda. Seconded by Director Coleman. All approved

Swearing in of Firefighters: Chief Garrison swore in Firefighters Payne Bowen and James Rankin.

Approval of May 15, 2025, Minutes: Action: Director Kuhl made the motion to approve May 15, 2025, budget committee minutes. Director Coleman seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Director Kuhl made the motion to approve May 15, 2025 board meeting minutes. Director Coleman seconded the motion. All approved.

Treasurer Report: April reports were shared with the Board. Funds are all where they should be.

Jamie presented a resolution 2025-02 to move funds in the amount of \$17800 from the conflagration revenue (General Fund) to Fund 6 Equipment Fund to help cover the costs of turnouts ordered. Director Kuhl made the motion to approve the resolution. Director Higgins seconded the motion. All in favor.

Resolution to adopt the budget: President Fellis read the budget resolution 2025-03 documents out loud and made the motion to approve the budget as is. Director Higgins seconded the motion. All in favor.

Volunteer Association: Chief Garrison said that the pancake breakfast is moving along. August 16 is the date. The Car show is on August 15 and has been changed to a Cruise In. The volunteers are working hard to get everything ready for the weekend.

Public Comments: Jim Wallace and Nick Crapser were here to discuss the fence. Jim read a letter to the board expressing his dissatisfaction with how things are being handled. The letter is attached to the minutes. Director Coleman stated that he would like to go to the next city council meeting to ask for a variance to allow us to put in a cedar fence versus a chain link fence. Chief Garrison stated that the City Director had already paid him a visit and said that a variance would not be considered. Everyone within the commercial property limits must have a black chain link fence. The cost of the chain link fence is going to be much higher than cedar. Directors Fellis, Higgins and Coleman, all made it very clear that Director Coleman had bought the cedar fence out of his own pocket. It is not a good idea to spend taxpayer dollars to build a fence for a neighbor as well as the fact that it is not in the budget for that kind of money. It was agreed that Chief Garrison would get 3 quotes for building the fence and 3 quotes for materials only to determine how the board was going to proceed. Discussion was tabled until the July 10 meeting.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None

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Chief's Report: Seasonal and Part Time hiring. Chief Garrison said that the interviews went well. The district has a lot of good candidates, and he will be notifying the candidates of his decision. Brenden Nipp will be stepping down from his part-time position as he got a 40-hour car with Salem Fire. 3 Seasonal firefighters will start July 1.

Conflagration season has already started. Aumsville is on the ready list. We have a good number of seasonal firefighters and volunteers that are ready to deploy.

Stayton had a two-alarm grass fire that Aumsville assisted with this afternoon. Right after that there was one in Marion as well. Grass is dry and Chief Garrison believes it is going to be a very busy summer

Good of the Order: None

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2025.

Adjourn: **Action:** *Motion to adjourn by Director Kuhl and seconded by Director Coleman. Motion carried unanimously adjourning the meeting at 19:46 hours (7:46 p.m.).*

Rachel Fellis, President _____ Date: _____

Ed Higgins, Secretary _____ Date: _____