

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Rachel Fellis-President
Wayne (Dusty) Kuhl
Odas Coleman
Vanessa Swenson
Nic Schrock



FIRE CHIEF
Rob Garrison

ASSISTANT CHIEF
Brett Swenson

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR
Jamie Chamberlin

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

490 Church Street, Aumsville OR 97325

July 9, 2026

Call to order: Meeting called to order by President Rachel Fellis at 18:31 or 6:31 pm

Attendance:

Board members: Present: Rachel Fellis, Wayne Kuhl, Odas Coleman Nic Schrock, Vanessa Swenson (phone)

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

Volunteers:

Public:

Flag Salute led by Director Kuhl

Approval of July 9, 2026, Agenda: Action: Director Kuhl made the motion to approve the agenda. Director Coleman seconded. **In Favor:** Directors Fellis, Kuhl, Coleman, Swenson and Schrock. **Opposed:** None.

Approval of the June 4, 2026 regular meeting minutes: Director Kuhl made the motion to approve the June 4, 2026 meeting minutes with no changes, motion was seconded by Director Coleman. **In Favor:** Directors Fellis, Kuhl, Coleman, Swenson and Schrock. **Opposed:** None.

Secretary/Treasurer Report: Chief Garrison informed the board that the Life packs and AEDs are ordered. 2 used Lifepack 15s at \$16,000 each and 4 AEDs at \$2500 each. The new air compressor is installed and works great. The cost of the compressor was \$1200 (approximately) and running the electrical was \$400. It is really quiet. The Ford F350 is dead. It has metal in the fuel system. The cost to replace the fuel system would be approximately \$15000 and the mechanic said that normally when there is shavings in the fuel, then the motor will need to be replaced within the year. It is not worth fixing a 20 year old truck.

Public Comment : None

Volunteer Association. No volunteers present. Chief Garrison said that the pickleball tournament is being put on hold. There is a cornhole tournament in Salem that the volunteers are invited to. Breakfast and Carshow committees are saying that everything is going well.

Old Business: Nothing to report. .

New Business: Election of officers:

President: Director Kuhl nominated Director Fellis for President. Director Fellis nominated Director Swenson for President (declined) Director Fellis accepted.

Vice President: Director Fellis nominated Director Swenson – accepted

Secretary-Treasurer: Director Fellis nominated Director Coleman - accepted

Policy Review: Chapters 5 and 7 of the Board policies were discussed. There are changes to ORS numbers and wording that needs to be made. Director Fellis made notes of the new ORS numbers. Chief Garrison said that he and Jamie would work on the revisions and the changes will be discussed at the August meeting.

Chief's Report: Call volume has been slow. The volunteers and part-timers are all waiting on calls. Fire season has not started yet. There was a fire today just inside Turner's district off of Ogle Road. We had great response times and were there quickly to put it out. Turner was responding from a car fire so Aumsville was on scene first. We also had enough crew available to respond to an accident as well.

New Residents: The station has 2 new residents. Three residents are leaving. We may have one of the new seasonal firefighters become a resident.

Seasonal Firefighters: The district hired 3 seasonal firefighters. Two were already volunteer residents at Aumsville, the third is a young man from Dayton. He has his EMS certification as well as firefighter certifications.

Volunteers: Director Coleman asked what the status of volunteers was. Chief Garrison said there is a bit of a problem with his model as the district will have volunteers show up for a month or two and then disappear. The district has a good core of volunteers and there is a lot of good chatter about how quickly they respond (how fast they get out of the station). Chief Garrison is pleased with it and will continue working on improving.

Good of the Order: Audit is August 7, 2026. It will be at the Aumsville Station. The Board is invited to sit in if they wish. Director Fellis said she may pop in to view.

Director Coleman thanked Director Fellis for her work as President.

Director Kuhl mentioned that the SDAO golf tournament would be coming up in September. He has a team ready to golf.

Next meeting will be August 13, 2026 at 6:30pm

Adjourn: **Action:** *Motion to adjourn by Director Coleman and was seconded by Director Kuhl. In Favor: Directors Fellis, Kuhl, Coleman Schrock, and Swenson. Opposed: None.*
Meeting was adjourned at 19:25 (7:25 pm)

Rachel Fellis, President _____ Date: _____

Vanessa Swenson, Secretary _____ Date: _____