

Aumsville Fire District



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

490 Church Street, Aumsville

September 11, 2025

Call to order: Meeting called to order by President Rachel Fellis at 18:32 or 6:32 pm

Attendance:

Board members: Present: Rachel Fellis, Wayne Kuhl, Odas Coleman, Vanessa Swenson Absent: Nic Schrock

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

Volunteer: Brad Buccholz, Tyler Marquez, Landon Storms, Kylie Milla, Max Edwards, Brayton Scott

Public: None

Flag Salute led by Director Kuhl

Approval of September 11, 2025, Agenda: Action: *Director Kuhl made the motion to approve September 11, 2025, agenda. Second by Director Swenson. All approved*

Secretary/Treasurer Report: No big spending for August. 2 trucks went on conflagration to the flat fire. We had an engine boss from Polk County. Director Kuhl asked who paid for the engine boss. Chief Garrison informed the board that we are only responsible for paying our people. The individual districts pay for their own personnel during conflagration. We are waiting for funds from Cram fire and Flat fire as well as California.

Volunteer Association: Brad Buccholz spoke of the good response from the car show and breakfast. Tyler Marquez and Brayton Scott spoke of conflagration. The crew put out a house fire while at the Flat Fire as well as getting retardant dumped on them and the brush. They did a good job and were complimented for their work.

Public Comments: None

Old Business: Letter from James Wallace regarding the fence. Director Kuhl initially stated "no." Director Fellis found minutes from November 2019 board meeting that the Knight property was discussed and it was highlighted in those minutes when the neighbor stated the fence was not his. Discussion ensued about where the property pins are. Director Coleman asked if anyone had reached out to legal to see what they feel we should do. All directors agreed that that should be the next step. Jamie will reach out to legal tomorrow and get back to the board when she has answers.

New Business: RESOLUTION 2025-08 Moving funds for radio repair/maintenance. The radios have had no maintenance in the last several years. It is believed that most radios were purchased with the equipment in 2016. It was not budgeted for the additional funds to repair/maintain the radios. 2025-08 moves funds from contingency to radio repair for \$5,000.

Director Coleman asked about the radio update at this time if we are thinking of getting new radios, why put so much into upgrading the old radios. Chief Garrison went over the last meeting with South County Chiefs. Everyone is pretty much in agreement that they do not want the latest offer. It is cheaper, but still not feasible. Chief was told that we could get our radios outfitted so we could speak with Linn County as well as Metcom.

President Fellis read the resolution into the minutes. Director Kuhl made the motion to accept the resolution, seconded by Director Coleman. All directors voted in favor of the resolution.

Resolution 2025-07 purchase of 2020 Dodge 1500 pickup for Chief Garrison. Chief Garrison discussed the 2020 Dodge command truck with 21,000 miles on it. It was found at an auction in Portland. Previous owners were from Arizona and then Prineville. It has license plates, so it was a private vehicle at some point in time. It is ready to go other than a radio (we have one available) and stickers. It has lights and siren. \$37,000 is a very good price. Comparable command rigs are going from approximately \$80,000.

Director Swenson read Resolution 2025-07 into the minutes. Director Kuhl made the motion to accept Resolution 2025-07, seconded by Director Fellis. All directors in favor.

Approval of August 11, 2025, minutes: Director Coleman made the motion to approve the August 11, 2025 minutes with no changes. Second by Director Swenson. All approved.

Chief's Report: Conflagration already covered. Car Show and breakfast were successful. Car show could have been better due to weather. Breakfast was very well attended. Between the two of them the volunteers grossed right around \$7300. Expenses were down due to a lot of work on Desiree Long's part. She got a lot of donations as well as really shopped around for prices. Also, Chief Garrison had purchased plates and plasticware from surplus when they had it for a really good price.

Good of the Order: Director Kuhl wanted to thank the volunteers for their work on the breakfast. He thought it was one of the better ones. Chief Garrison agreed and said that this was also the best year for cleanup. By the time the parade was over, the bays were almost put back in order. Clean up was completed by around 2pm. Good job everyone.

Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2025

Adjourn: **Action:** *Motion to adjourn by Director Kuhl and seconded by Director Swenson. Motion carried unanimously adjourning the meeting at 19:12 (7:12pm)*

Rachel Fellis, President _____ Date: _____

Vanessa Swenson, Secretary _____ Date: _____