**Umatilla Fire District Meeting**

The October 2, 2024, meeting called to order by Board Chairman Kyle Sipe

Present:

Board Members: Robert Holden, Darla Huxel, Steven Williams via zoom, Amber Bieren and Kyle Sipe.

Staff: Chris Grant, Jeannie Bowman, Ray Harris, Jordy McCracken and Hunter Eynon

Absent:

Motion to approve minutes by Robert, 2nd by Amber approved unanimously.

Agenda Adjustment motion to amend agenda adding line of credit and AWS Grant by Robert, 2nd by Darla, approved unanimously.

Audience Participation: None

Information Items:

Chief’s Report: See agenda packet-

Old Business:

1. TRCI Contract- expected to be signed soon per Chief Grant.
2. Union Contract- Chief Grant stated it was ready to go to legal for review. Jeannie asked for a copy again to review any changes, she stated she had seen a copy laying on the table at the station that morning and had concerns regarding some of the wage items. Chief Grant stated these were based off of her information provided. Jeannie stated she provided no information for lieutenant wages and the scale was not attached to the previous copy provided to her. Chief Grant stated this was an inappropriate conversation to have and ended the conversation, Jeannie again asked for a copy of the contract and expressed concerns regarding the monetary side and if the department can sustain without having been able to review for several months and being denied the opportunity to be provided a contract to review.
3. Policy Review: Section 10- can not complete until the contract is finalized.
4. Service Contract with the City of Umatilla for City Properties- Chief Grant reported still in process.
5. Personnel Handbook- waiting for contract to be finalized.
6. Surplus of 2008 Freightliner water truck- Chief spoke with the city, it sounds like they are interested in purchasing.

New Business:

1. Fire Med Renewal- Motion to approve by Amber, 2nd by Darla
2. Line of Credit- Jeannie presented the terms from Banner Bank for a 250,000 line of credit to help bridge the gap from July-November each year when we rely on the carryover until tax funds are received. Motion to approve by Darla, 2nd by Amber.
3. AWS grant- Chris has been working with an Amazon Rep to receive a 35,000 grant to put towards exhaust systems at station 12.

Items not on Agenda Open to Public, Board and Staff Participation:

Clarification by Robert that Chris will make any needed changes to the contract and send a copy to Jeannie, Jordy and legal counsel, Chris agreed that he will send in the next day or two.

Darla attended the SDAO Trainings recently, discussion regarding policy updates took place, moving forward those will fall to Chief Grant to ensure they are updated and sent out.

Darla will update Board Policies and send those out.

Darla invited everyone to the Open House for the new Hospital District opening on October 16th at 6:30 pm

November Meeting will be held at the Hospital district building as well.

AGENDA SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

Motion to adjourn by Amber, 2nd by Robert approved unanimously at 7:30 pm

Kyle Sipe, Chairman Jeannie Bowman, Clerk