**Umatilla Fire District Meeting**

The February 14, 2024, meeting called to order by Board Chair Kyle Sipe.

Present:

Robert Holden, Kyle Sipe, Darla Huxel, Steven Williams

Absent: Amber Bieren

Motion to add amendment to minutes: Training Opportunity motion by Steven, 2nd by Robert approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Darla, 2nd Robert

Approved unanimously.

Audience Participation: None

Statements of Bills list, checks and check register were reviewed by the board members and signed. No additional questions asked regarding expenditure reports. Reviewed and signed. Motion to accept items presented by Darla, 2nd by Robert, Approved unanimously.

Information Items:

Chief Report: See Attached –

Volunteer Report: N/A

Old Business:

1. Seismic Upgrade Closeout- all documents have been submitted and final payments dispersed.
2. Surplus Items- Chief Grant has provided a list of surplus items. Chief Grant would like to take sealed bids, donate items to local agencies that can utilize items and the remaining to be taken to auction. Motion to approve by Darla, 2nd by Steven, unanimously approved.

New Business:

1. Federal Safety Standards- Chief Grant brought forward OSHA plans for new federal safety guidelines. Once those are approved and made public, he will update.
2. AFG Update- Working on grant for exhaust system.
3. SAFER Grant Plan- Chief Grant is working on the application.
4. BMCC Umatilla High School Program- Chief Grant met with Superintendent Sipe and Principal Lorence regarding an opportunity to teach a program at the high school that may qualify for college credit. He believes about 11/2 hours per week next school year. The board was in agreement that if time allows in his schedule to commit, they will support the program.
5. Testing- New Hire List- has been posted with Daily Dispatch and will close March 1st
6. OSFM Tender Grant- Delivery is expected in March/April time frame.
7. OSFM Wildland Grant- applications open on March 1st, we will apply to help staff additional responders through the season.
8. Fire Marshal Training- Chief Grant would like to attend training for Fire Marshal services through OSFM that is being held the last week in February. Motion to approve Training by Darla, 2nd by Steven motion approved unanimously.

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

Move April Meeting to the 10th due to conflicts,

Budget Hearing will be held on April 10th at 6:30 pm

Darla brought information back from the SDAO conference regarding emails and moving to a .gov email address system. Jeannie will work with IT to see how to make this a smooth transition.

Darla is working with Streamline for additional training in our area for website services.

 AGENDA SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

Darla would like to keep moving forward with Strategic Planning looking at potential partnerships with our local businesses.

Motion to adjourn by Steven, 2nd by Robert. Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm

Kyle Sipe, Chairman Jeannie Bowman, Clerk