

**TURNER FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Minutes
December 20, 2011
7605 3rd St SE, Turner
6:30 pm

Meeting called to order by President Dave Gullede at 6:30 pm. Other board members in attendance were Ed Humber, Gene Schaefer, Claude Kennedy & D. Craig Anderson. Also present were Chief Henson, AC Remy, AC Robinson, Kathy Puckett, Andi Batchelor, Kris Boyer, Joe McNarie, Jordan Donat, Bob Palmer, Emily Lawton, Dave Lawton, Jon Crow, Stacey Barchenger, and Anna Kraemer (recording secretary).

Agenda: Approved as presented.

*6:33 - Adjourn for Executive Session: 192.660 2(f) To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection. (d) To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.

*8:55 – Reconvene regular session.

Minutes: November 17, 2011 minutes presented for approval. Amended to include D. Craig Anderson as present. November 19, 2011 minutes presented for approval. Motion to approve as amended by Director Schaefer. Second by Director Kennedy. Unanimous.

Proclamations, Commendations, Special Reports: None

Public Comment (agenda items): None

Secretary/Treasurer Report: No discussion

Old Business:

1. The Medic 95 report with additional detail was presented and reviewed.
2. Lt. Jordan Donat expresses appreciation for the Board for moving the meeting to the outbuilding so that the Christmas Toy and Food drive events could take place in the training room. He reported that 27 families will be served through this event this year, including 70 children. All food items have been sorted and perishables will be purchased on Thursday before delivery that evening. The Board expressed appreciation for these efforts by the volunteers.

New Business:

1. Capt. Riley provided an oral and written report on the activities of the Training Division over the past year. He outlined the burn-to-learn training (seven in 2011) and stated that there will be 4-5 more in 2012 before June. The Training Division maintains 152 training files for MCFD, TFD, and WVFRA, as well as all training rosters for database records, grant information, and NIMS credentialing. A recruitment process is being developed for 2012 which includes a “fast track” component for new volunteers with prior firefighting experience. Partnership with Chemeketa Community College allows for 150 tuition credit waivers annually. Thus far 48 credit waivers have been issued to TFD career and volunteer personnel for career development. These credit waivers have provided \$3,696 in education for TFD

personnel at no cost to the District. WVFRA has an accreditation agreement with DPSST that allows credentialing of our own personnel on the national curriculum level. This accreditation agreement has been renewed for 3 years and is a great benefit to our personnel to receive national accreditation in house through our Training Division.

2. The 911 consolidation conversation is ongoing between the three Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) providers. The State has requested consolidations where possible to reduce statewide 911 costs. Santiam Communication and Norcom have an ORS 190 agreement in place and agencies are discussing how WVCC will fit into that model; who will provide governance if a consolidation occurs. Sheriff Meyers of the MCSO is leading the project. A Homeland Security Grant is being sought to fund the study of the implementation of a PSAP consolidation. This project is still at least a year from implementation.
3. Consideration of WVFRA dissolution. *Director Kennedy made a motion to have the TFD Board pursue the reorganization of the working relationship with MCFD through a change in the command structure and to move forward with work sessions with MCFD and the WVFRA Board. Seconded by Director Anderson.*
 - a. Director Gullede stated that the Board has been discussing the dissolution of WVFRA for several months and that this action is a result of those discussions. He added that he did not want to proceed in haste but does not anticipate a long drawn out process; he would like to work with the partners at MCFD to come to mutual conclusions.
 - b. Director Humber added that this motion means that there will be a lot of work ahead of the Board.
 - c. Director Schaefer stated that the Board collectively has a direction in which to proceed but it is not possible as one giant step, but rather must be made in baby steps.

Vote on motion: Unanimous

4. Chief Henson reported that formal bargaining has begun. The first meeting took place 2 weeks ago and went well. The next meeting is scheduled for 12/29/11.
5. Chief Henson reported that he has submitted the mutually agreed upon boundary changes to the Marion County Health Department. He indicated that he was particularly thankful for the negotiations and discussions with Salem Fire Department.

Chief's report:

Division Reports: Provided for review.

Individual/Organizational Input:

- a. Volunteer Association: (Lt. Jordan Donat reported under New Business)
- b. Local 2557: President Boyer reported that the MDA Fill the Boot event did not raise as much as in previous years, but the event went well raising \$12,200 for the MDA. Another smoke alarm campaign is set to take place in January at Chemeketa Mobile Village.

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Public Comment (non-agenda items):

1. Kris Boyer stated that the union members have had discussion on WVFRA dissolution and would like to know the cause of the reasons for considering dissolution.
 - a. Director Anderson explained that this process in working together with MCFD will help to evaluate those questions. Director Gullede added that the decision to dissolve WVFRA did not happen tonight because the Board needs to take the appropriate steps before hand, and needs to take clear and deliberate actions as it proceeds. The creation of WVFRA took some time, as will any dissolution.

2. Andi Batchelor asked what the change in command structure would mean.
3. Bob Palmer asked if the process would involve all ten Board members.
 - a. Director Gulledge stated that a joint worksession of the Boards would be likely at some point and needs to be carefully considered; uncertain of a date for a joint meeting at this time.

Next Meeting: January 19, 6:30 pm at 7605 3rd St SE, Turner.

Dave Gulledge, Board President

Board Secretary