REDMOND FIRE & RESCUE
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 21, 2025

BOARD PRESENT: President Gary Ollerenshaw, Vice President Jessica Meyer, Secretary/Treasurer John Blanton, Member Earl Fisher, and Member Amanda Joe Luelling.

STAFF PRESENT: Fire Chief Ryan Herrera, Deputy Chief Dustin Miller, Battalion Chief Ken Brown, and Confidential Administrative Specialist Jessica Jackson.

STAFF ABSENT: Human Resources Manager Diane Cox and Fire Marshal Tom Mooney.

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: President Ollerenshaw called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

ROLL CALL: All Present

AGENDA CHANGES: None

PACKET DOCUMENTS FOR INFORMATION:
Director Blanton called attention to the notable projects on the Fire & Life Safety report, specifically the East Redmond Managed Camps. He asked if this was part of the land transfer between Bend and the state. He further inquired about any funding that may be available. This led to a general discussion about resources and county or federal funding. The district is tracking the resources being sent to the area as well as looking into further defining the population that is served in the various camps and surrounding areas.

CONSENT AGENDA:
1. Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2025

Board Member Fisher made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Board Member Meyer and approved by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC PRESENTATION: None

REPORTS: None

ACTION ITEMS:
1. Resolution No. 2025-04 – A Resolution of Redmond Fire & Rescue Establishing District Fees and Charges.

   Chief Herrera opened a discussion of the updated fee schedule to go into effect as of July 1, 2025. He then fielded several questions from the board on what various rates cover.

Board Member Blanton made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-04, A Resolution of Redmond Fire & Rescue Establishing District Fees and Charges. The motion was seconded by Board Member Meyer and approved by unanimous vote.

FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS:
Chief Herrera gave the Board a report on the following topics:

1. Surplus Item
   We have a F150 truck, which had a catastrophic transmission failure, and fleet maintenance recommended that we get rid of it. The plan is to put the truck on a public auction site.
2. Community Events
   a. Blood Drive
      The blood drive through the American Red Cross in honor of FF Michael Kienzle is coming up on June 12th. About half of the spots are filled; it is open for the public to sign up now, and our goal is to fill all the seats.
   b. Fish Fair
      Chief Herrera thanked Dusty, who got there at sunrise. The pond was stocked, and a lot of fish were caught. Chief also thanked Chief Terry and B-Shift for their help during the event.
   c. Open House at 404
      Chief Herrera thanked Chief Mooney for setting up the open house at 404. A brief discussion was held on making this an annual event and the importance of continuing these events at all stations. During the discussion, the topic of a new station was brought forward, which led to a discussion on the IAFF's requested GIS study and the six corners property. The board started to talk about if it is time to sell the Six Corners property, but no decisions were made.
3. Grant Updates
   a. We are still waiting on the AFG determination
   b. The application period for SAFER grants opens on May 23rd. Chief Herrera gave a brief overview of the process and steps taken so far, along with the language and intentions beyond the life of the grant if awarded. A general discussion was held on recruitment and retention, staffing and deployment, and the number of firefighter positions if the grant application is successful.

NEW BUSINESS:
A brief discussion was held on the Budget Committee vacancy. At this point we have not received any interest. The board discussed the fact that both the Budget Committee and Civil Service Committee will have a vacancy, and the campaign to fill the spots can run simultaneously. No decisions were made.

OLD BUSINESS: None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None

BOARD PRESIDENT COMMENTS:
President Ollerenshaw noted that the three individuals running for the board were elected.

He then called attention to the legislation that has been introduced to increase the bottle deposit to $0.15, but when returned, the consumer would only receive $0.10 back. President Ollerenshaw asked if we should reach out to SDAO for help contesting the bill. A brief discussion was held, and Chief Herrera stated that he would like to research this further.

ADJOURN: Being no further business, Board Member Fisher moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Board Member Meyer and was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 am.

Approved:

June 18, 2025

Gary Ollerenshaw, President — Date

June 18, 2025

John Blanton, Secretary/Treasurer — Date

Attest:

June 18, 2025

Jessica Jackson, Confidential Administrative Specialist — Date