

HOODLAND FIRE DISTRICT # 74
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

Those Present: Board Members: Shirley Dueber, Nora Gambée, Jacob Rackley, and Mary Ellen Fitzgerald (Zoom). Staff: Jim Price; Fire Chief, DC Brian Henrichs, DC Scott Kline, Kelli Ewing; Administrative Assistant, and Lt. Andy Figini (Zoom). Guests: Jessica Rackley (Zoom) and Wendy Holladay (Zoom).

1. Call to Order: By Shirley Dueber at 8:40 PM.
2. Roll Call.
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by DC Scott Kline.
4. Persons to be Heard. None.
5. New Business.
 - A. Public Contracting Rules Process.
 - i. These rules were purchased from Local Government Law Group and we can make copies for our use. Local Government Law Group has provided a memo that explains the rules and the adoption process. They also provided a public hearing notification, resolution, and appendix templates to be modified for our use.
 - ii. There are some exemptions available on Page 85 to help satisfy the Auditor's concerns.
 - iii. By adopting these rules, we will not have to consult and pay for attorney review for every contract.
 - iv. The 100 pages of rules includes many situations, most will not apply on a regular basis.
 - v. Page 17 - Small Procurements, Intermediate Procurements, and Sole Source Procurements will be utilized a lot.
 - vii. Page 26 - Offers, awards, negotiations, notices of intent, bidding process will be used for apparatus purchases.

5. A. Continued

viii. There is also a process laid out for disposing of surplus property.

ix. Would like to start the process to adopt these rules in November 2021 and then the final adoption would be in January 2022.

x. The HFD Board of Directors will also act as the Public Contracting Board.

B. Letter to Oregon Governor Kate Brown.

i. Two versions of the letter have been presented to the Board for review.

ii. At the September 14, 2021, Board Meeting the Board agreed to send a letter to show support for the first responders who oppose the vaccine mandate.

iii. The Governor should know that this mandate is impacting the Hoodland Fire District and that we cannot afford to lose first responders.

iv. The letter should be re-written to explain the difficult situation the mandate is causing. The mandate is a threat without a plan. We need to ask for solutions and ask if there is a plan to supplement staffing.

v. Testing is a good resource, but there are flaws.

vi. Discussion how religious exceptions have not been requested in the Hoodland Fire District for anything including facial hair.

vii. Discussion regarding how first responders forcefully inject patients with medications without their expressed consent in order to help them, which is like the mandate.

viii. The religious exception form is very vague. The forms must be approved by the Fire Chief and all the liability is on the Fire District and not on OHA. Fire Chief Jim Price will sit down and talk to every person who files a religious exception form.

5. B. Continued

ix. To meet the intent of the mandate, we could limit our unvaccinated volunteers to performing firefighting tasks versus medical. For Career Staff there may be a way to rearrange the shifts so that there was at least one vaccinated person per shift.

x. Another Special Board Meeting will be scheduled when it is convenient for Board Member Cliff Fortune to attend. Fire Chief Jim Price will re-write the letter to include the additional Board suggestions.

6. Executive Session. None.

7. Other New Business.

A. Draft Firewise Assistance Grant Application.

i. ODF did some brush cutting in Government Camp and has not been back to chip the debris.

ii. Government Camp would like funds from Hoodland Fire to help cover the cost of the chipper.

iii. \$10,000 was added into the FY 2021-2022 Budget to start this Firewise Assistance program.

iv. Suggestion to give Government Camp up to \$2,500.00 toward the chipper.

v. There are more communities that want to get certified as Firewise Communities.

vi. We need to advertise to the community that funds are available to help with the cost of hiring a chipper.

MOTION MADE: By Jacob Rackley to reimburse Government Camp up to \$2,500.00 towards the cost of chipping services if ODF is not able to come to do the chipping.

2ND: By Nora Gambee.

DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: Passed Unanimously. Mary Ellen Fitzgerald (Aye), Nora Gambee (Aye), Jacob Rackley (Aye), and Shirley Dueber (Aye).

8. Adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned by Shirley Dueber at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn M. Norgard

Carolyn M. Norgard, Financial Manager

Notes Typed By: Kelli Ewing, Administrative Assistant