

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mike Bauer
Sue Curths
Jeff Hart
Jon Stueve
Mike Welter



FOUR CORNERS STATION
MIDDLE GROVE STATION
PRATUM STATION
MACLEAY STATION
BROOKS STATION
CLEAR LAKE STATION
LABISH CENTER STATION
COLLEGE STATION

CHIEF OF DISTRICT

Kyle McMann

**MARION COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2021

Meeting on ZOOM

6:00 pm

The board meeting was held remotely via ZOOM. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Welter. Also present remotely on Zoom was Director Bauer, Director Curths, and Director Hart. Others present were Chief McMann, DC Lee, Anna Kraemer, Anita DeVilliers, and Juan DeLeon.

Agenda: Approved as presented.

Proclamations, Commendations, Special Reports/Awards: None

Minutes: Board Meeting Minutes – March 18, 2021, approved as presented.

Public Comment: None

Secretary/Treasurer Report: Director Curths stated we are 9 months into the fiscal year. We have spent 75% with 25% of budget amount remaining. Interest income earned has dropped due to LGIP interest rate reduction from 1.21% last July to current earnings at .60%. Sue sent Crystal a note to consider this drop in her budget forecasting. We have received most of our conflagration reimbursements. She also noted that overtime is not going over budget. We are doing well and are in good shape.

Old Business:

1. Local Option Levy Planning. Chief McMann stated we have just over 30 days until the District Election and the levy vote. We brought a new consultant onto the Liz Loomis team. Betsy Schultz with Pacific Northwest Strategies out Eugene. Chief attended a Marion County Farm Bureau meeting April 14th. Good positive feedback and possibly some support from that group. The annual report will be in the mail by the end of April. A FAQ postcard will be in the mail a week or two after that. The Union/PAC are working on a campaign as well. April 22nd Chief will be on a 1-hour radio talk show on KYKN. He is also doing a virtual event tonight, April 15, with the Hayesville neighborhood association. Director Hart created and presented a 6-minute video that we will shared on social media. A lot of work is being done behind the scenes to support this levy effort.

Betsy Schultz’s recent polling indicates that 71% of those voters polled said they would vote to support the levy today. 72% said they would support knowing it is a lower dollar

amount. 56% said they didn't know the failure of the last levy closed 2 stations and caused the loss of 12 firefighter positions.

Chief has been meeting with and has more scheduled meetings with Senators and Representatives in the legislature of our District. Representative Bill Post from the North Keizer area confirmed he has submitted a request to the leadership of the legislature in support of Special Districts to be included as recipients of the \$2.4 million from the State stimulus money.

Union President DeLeon stated the union is working on a schedule for the MCFD1 Local & the Albany Firefighter Local, as well as citizens in the Hayesville group to get the mailers out. Signs will go at the main thoroughfares of the District.

2. Firefighter Park interest. Board members from both interested parties, Holland Youth Park and the Salem Soccer Club met a couple of weeks ago. Their full Boards will work together and bring a proposal to Marion County Fire in regard to interest in the park property. The District still needs to evaluate the options in regard to lot line adjustments and the public surplus process.

New Business:

1. Board VP Vacancy Appointment. President Welter recommended Secretary/Treasurer Sue Curths move to the VP position. Motion to appoint made by Director Bauer. Seconded by Director Hart. Motion carries unanimously. President Welter recommended Director Hart for the Secretary/Treasurer position due to his experience on the Budget Committee. Motion to appoint Director Hart made by Director Curths. Seconded by Director Bauer. Motion carries unanimously.
2. CBA Ratification. Chief McMann discussed the negotiated changes (see attached) and recommended Board approval. Motion to approve/ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement made by Director Curths. Seconded by Director Bauer. Motion carries unanimously.
3. Strategic Plan Update. Tabled approval until next meeting, May 20, 2021.

Chief's Report:

1. Chief McMann emailed the report on April 13th, to the Board (see attached).
2. Deputy Chief Lee is out of town for the rest of the month. Chief McMann will be in class the first part of next week attending training, as well as out of town the week of April 26th.

Individual/Organizational Input:

Special Presentations: None

VFFA: None

Local 2557: President DeLeon stated that the local is meeting with other Local Presidents in the area to help spread our word on our upcoming levy vote.

Good of the order: None

Public Comment: None

Next Meeting: Regular Board on May 20, 2021, 6:00 pm, following the Budget Committee Meeting at Station 1 Training Room.

Adjourned at 7:17 pm

MCFD No.1 Board President

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