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MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2025, AT 10:30 AM

CALL TO ORDER - President Myers called the meeting to order at 10:35AM.
QUORUM DETERMINED - Those present President Myers, Vice President Tracy, Directors Hallahan, Wagaman and Guenther; District Administrator Frankie Petrick, Assistant to District Administrator Deborah Coleman; FF/Paramedic Larmi and Mathia; FF/EMT Hedin, O'Neill, and Wittmier.
GUESTS - Those present Sales Rep Brandon Colley and Service Technician Ben Coffel from Cascade Fire. Sales Rep Eddie Lacefield from Mako Compressors. Central Oregon Coast Fire & Rescue Board President Jon MacCulloch and Board Member Judy Thimakis; District Patron Paula D'Alfonso and Lincoln Chronicle Garrett Jaros.
PUBLIC INPUT - Board President Jon MacCulloch from Central Oregon Coast Fire and Rescue invited Yachats Rural Fire Protection District again to form an official committee consisting of two YRFPD board members along with two COCFR board members. Director Hallahan nominated Directors Tracy and Wagaman to sit on the committee. President Myers seconded, motion carried unanimously. The committee will begin to read through and gather information about collaborative efforts prior to any special meetings or workshops to discuss the Pros and Cons of forming one District, which also would be pursuant to ORS Statues for out of District meetings.
MINUTES - The Minutes of the August 11th Regular Meeting were approved.
FIVE MINUTES WITH DIRECTOR HALLAHAN - Director Hallahan spoke about slight fatigue hindering his ability to serve but wanted to reiterate the importance of renewing the levy and asked the board if we could schedule a work session to work on writing a draft measure. Hallahan reminded the board that 90% of our income that we use for operations comes from our Local Option taxes, adding that we need to look at our 5–10-year financial forecast and figure out amounts to levy for the coming years. Hallahan also asked each Board member for their responses to the question he posed at our last Board Meeting on August 11th. Each board member submitted their individual answers.
SAFETY COMMITTEE -Minutes from the September 3rd Safety Committee Meeting were reviewed as presented. Director Myers asked about the near miss incident to which FF/EMT Safety Committee Chair Wittmier responded we would address at the end of the meeting. FF/Paramedic Rocco's Injury Flow Chart was reviewed and commended as presented as well as the current 801 form from SAIF.
CORRESPONDENCE – Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments Emergency Preparedness Training Informed & Ready Flyer, Mike Flaming from Searose Yard & Home delivered a 09/11 Remembrance Flyer happening at the Waldport Bridge this Thursday September 11, 2025 and South West Lincoln Water Districts notice of rate increase.
EQUIPMENT REPORT – Brandon Colley from Cascade Fire and Mako Compressor Sales Rep Eddie Lacefield were here to discuss the quotes for a replacement Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Filling Station. Major differences between the two compressor systems were discussed. Director Tracy asked how frequently we use our current SCBA bottle filling station to which FF/Paramedic Larmi replied seldom because Central Oregon Coast Fire and Rescue fill our bottles with their mobile filling

system when they are here at our station. Colley from Cascade Fire suggests that we have our own SCBA filling station even if we only use it for training because our training will suffer if we aren't training our crew on filling bottles. Also, it is risky to rely on another district if we do indeed start seeing more structure fires, we will want to be able to fill our own bottles as reliably as possible. Chief Petrick suggests that we apply for an Assistance to Firefighters Grant to help us with the purchase of new SCBA bottles and an in-house heavy use filling station. Director Tracy asks Cascade Fire if routine inspections were included in their quote or if they are included with their 5-year warranty to which Cascade Fire's service technician Ben Coffel replied. It is a separate fee for annual inspections and would cost us anywhere between $750-1k/year which would include the air quality test, oil, filters and any labor involved.

TRAINING TEAM REPORT - Training Team Report provided by FF/Paramedic Training Officer Larmi. Discussion was held about recruiting more volunteers and appointing a part-time employee to set up and maintain weekly drill nights. FF/Paramedic Mathia gave key points to the volunteer recruiting and retention efforts at Seal Rock Rural Fire Protection District (SRRFPD) including camaraderie, engagement, providing food and a fun atmosphere, as well as having plenty of training and tasks to be completed. Director Tracy asked about the etiquette of recruiting volunteers from our neighboring districts and if volunteers are also allowed to volunteer for our district? FF/Paramedic Mathia mentioned the differences between union and volunteer districts which sparked debate about animosity between two neighboring districts to our north. Director Tracy moved on to ask FF/Paramedic Larmi about our Physical Agility Testing (PAT) and if it meets the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards. Larmi responded that it does and elaborated on details of the training.

ACTIVITY REPORT - The August 2025 Activity Report was reviewed and discussed.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR/FIRE CHIEF REPORT - Chief Petrick reported on significant monthly accomplishments including the purchase of a new office printer from Impact Office which South Lincoln Ambulance and Yachats Fire contributed equal amounts towards the purchase. Two Firecom headsets were also bought using the Lion's Club donation to help our crew with background noise canceling radios.

Petrick also gave an update on the landscaping around the station. Robert Langley from the Yachats Trails Committee stopped at our station last week offering to bring some Angell Job Corps students around to help us with any exterior projects. FF/EMT O'Neill mentioned that he plans to spend an hour with a rented Skid steer to get the rest of the pile of wood chips spread out sometime in the next few weeks. We also plan to paint new barrier lines on the asphalt where our apparatus exits and enters to help prevent visitors from entering that part of our station.

The City of Yachats requested Petrick to send one of our crew members to the Red Cross Emergency Preparedness training happening on September 16th and October 9th in at the Center for Health Education in Newport.

DISBURSEMENTS - Financial Statements were reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT- As there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:11 PM. Our next Regular Meeting will be on October 13, 2025 at 10:30 AM.

Minutes written and prepared by _____.

Frankie M Petrick

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Director Director

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