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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR MEETING
OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

Call to Order: President Katherine Guenther at 10:33 AM called the meeting to order.

Quorum: It was determined that a quorum was present.

Attendance: Those present: Directors – Katherine Guenther, Betty Johnston, and Ed Hallahan; Shelby Knife, Assistant to District Administrator; District Administrator and Fire Chief, Frankie Petrick. Not in attendance – Drew Tracy and Donald Tucker.

Agenda changes or additions: None.

Guests: Alex Cox.

Public Input: None

Minutes: The minutes of the September 12th Regular Meeting were approved as presented.

Liaison Report: Liaison with City of Yachats, Alex Cox would like to have a meeting concerning the city connex needs. He will be meeting with Frankie & Shelby on the 28th at 10:00 AM.

Alex expressed interested in getting CPR instruction for the Emergency Preparedness Committee. Petrick advised that can happen soon if they would like.

Correspondence: WHA advised YRFPD that SDAO is looking into creating a group workers compensation program through SAIF. Workers Comp rates are expected to double in the upcoming year and this will give us an opportunity for a better rate.

Petrick handed information concerning the new Wildfire map that will be out in the spring. That map will not affect insurance rates as previously believed. There is more information on the internet about the Wildfire Map.

Equipment Maintenance: No problems noted.

Training Team Report: Ongoing.

District Administrator/Fire Chief Report: The Oregon Health Authority came on September 22nd and performed an audit of policies and procedures, employment folders, the facility and ambulance. They found several employees who signed declinations of TB tests, which is no longer allowed. Employees and volunteers will need to get a TB test in the near future. We are currently working on setting that up with Lincoln County Health. The cost didn't used to be much but we need to do it regardless.

Old Business: None presented.

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Ongoing Business: Director Hallahan reported that he drafted a couple of papers that he presented to office staff for inclusion in the Board packet for today’s meeting. First, he created a “Cheat Sheet” for board members to use when talking about the November ballot measure to District Patrons. Just to have some talking points when talking to voters. Second, he presented a flyer to the Directors about Voting Yes on Measure 21-214. Third, flyer with the “Who is Yachats Fire?” and “Who is South Lincoln Ambulance?” to the board Directors for distribution within the District. Fourth, he advised the Board that a PAC (political action committee) has been set up and is working on getting yard signs for distribution. The PAC has a bank account and anyone can now make donations to “vote yes on 21-214”. Funds can be taken to Columbia Bank in Waldport or mailed to him at Ed Hallahan, PO Box 211, Yachats, Oregon 97498.

Discussion was held about how Board Directors are doing on completing the election information distribution list from last meeting as well as any upcoming events. Director Hallahan advised that he will be attending a meeting at the Lion’s Club on the 11th of October and Director Johnston advised that she was planning on doing a “walk around town” handout and window sign placement. She might be able to do the Wednesday Market in Waldport as well.

New Business: None presented.

Disbursements: The bills were reviewed. Director Johnston moved to pay the bills. Director Hallahan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:39 AM. The next regular meeting will be held at 10:30 AM on October 10th.

Minutes written and prepared by _____.
Frankie Petrick

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