

# TILLAMOOK FIRE DISTRICT

## 3/12/2013

The regular monthly meeting for Tillamook Fire District was held on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, at 5:15 p.m. at the Tillamook Fire Station, 2310 Fourth Street, Tillamook, Oregon.

Directors Present: Eric Simmons, Vice-Chair  
Debra Reeves, Board Chair  
Tim Hamburger, Director  
Joe Martin, Secretary/Treasurer

Directors Excused: Dave Mattison, Director

Staff Present: Rick Adams, Fire Chief  
Rueben Descloux, Fire Marshal

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Debra Reeves.

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes for February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 was made by Eric Simmons and seconded by Tim Hamburger. Ayes were received from all members present and the motion carried.

**Bills:** A motion to pay the February, 2013 bills was made by Joe Martin and seconded by Eric Simmons. Ayes were received from all members present and the motion carried.

**Correspondence and Financial Statement:** All correspondence was forwarded to the Board electronically.

According to the financial statement for February 28, 2013 with an adjustment in the checking account for \$3,204.81 the total balance in the State Pool is \$424,632.21. The balance in the Reserve Fund is \$69,997.31.

**Fire Chief Report:** Chief Adams reported that the preliminary budget numbers look good for the upcoming fiscal year, even with the projected increases in health care and PERS. There has been no date set for the upcoming budget meeting. Chair Reeves requested that it not be held on April 23 or 30 due to other meetings.

ODS was projecting a 15% increase in healthcare for the new fiscal year. With the enrollment of so many fire agencies in the state, however; they may actually lower the increased amount.

Two apparatus are still in need of service. 7314 may be put on an 18 month service interval due to its low miles/hours usage. The new 7149 has been towed to International

for service for the third time. The last break down occurred during a code 3 response to a medical call in Cape Meares.

Resident Vance Wetzel has requested that the Board review his driving privileges following his driving privilege suspension last year. The Board felt that he should not be allowed to drive District apparatus for one full year and will have to wait another six months.

Legal counsel has stated that the volunteer association cannot auction, advertise or sell the donated antique car still in the owner's name. The title would have to be transferred or an individual with a dealer's license could sell / auction the vehicle for the association. The counsel fees have set the District back a couple hundred dollars already and the Board recommends that the association reimburse the District for the counsel bill as well as pay any future counsel bills regarding the vehicle on their own.

Staff are working to repair last year's OSHA safety list prior to the next voluntary inspection.

Eric and Debra have already filed to run for the upcoming Board elections. Dave Mattison indicated that he was headed to the courthouse to reapply for his position too.

The OFCA has formed a 360 Taskforce to review full time, combination and volunteer departments regarding w-2s and 1099s. There have been a number of fire agencies in the state which stopped issuing 1099s when the IRS started auditing departments for tax purposes. They started issuing w-2s which created a new problem in regards to PERS, Division of Labor and the unions. With w-2s, if volunteers work more than 30 hours a week or 600 hours in a year they are deemed employees and subject to PERS payments and reporting. A number of agencies have had to back pay due to the w-2 reporting. The taskforce, after reviewing all three categories of fire departments will issue its findings and maybe a list of best practices.

The OFCA sent surveys out to fire departments regarding ISO to gather data and in turn the taskforce has identified 5 steps that they need to take. 1. Gather information, 2. Support the local fire agencies, 3. Evaluate the ISO guidelines, 4. Identify options, 5. Establish a supervisory function. The OFCA also met with the WSRB hoping to bring them into Oregon to replace ISO. More information will be made available at the spring conference.

The association met and indicated that they would like a change in venue regarding the awards banquet. The banquet has been held at the Elks for the last six years and many would like to try something new. There were three locations discussed at the last association meeting including the POTB Officers Dining Facility, Church of the Nazarene and the Elks Lodge. The POTB facility doesn't have a kitchen large enough to keep catering costs down and was removed from the list. The catering costs for the POTB was nearly \$10 more per person (\$36) to reflect this. The Church of the Nazarene catering costs came in at \$26 per person and the Elks at \$25 per person. The church does

not allow alcohol, music or dancing in the dining room. The majority of the members of the association indicated that they would like to go to the church.

A motion to pay for the awards and spend no more than \$2500 for food and facility expenses with the association paying the remaining balance was made by Eric Simmons and seconded by Tim Hamburger. Ayes were received from all members present and the motion carried.

**Fire Marshal Report:** Fire Marshal Descloux submitted copies of his report electronically and asked if there were any questions. There was a meeting scheduled to follow the board meeting directly.

**Non-Agenda Items:** none

**Concerns of the Board:** none

As there was no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rueben Descloux  
Fire Marshal

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Board Chair Debra Reeves