

TILLAMOOK FIRE DISTRICT

2/17/2026

The Board Meeting for Tillamook Fire District was held on Tuesday February 17, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Tillamook 911 Center, located at Nestucca Avenue and Third Street, Tillamook, Oregon.

Call to Order: The regular board meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Leonard Ingles at 5:31 p.m.

Board Directors Present:

Sean Kerber, Director-Present	Geoff Hoffert, Director-Present
Leonard Ingles, Vice-Chair-Present	Casey Burden, Chair-Absent
Tim Hamburger, Secretary/Treasurer-Present	

Staff Present: Paul Edwards, Interim Fire Chief; Alan Christensen, Ops. Chief

Guests: Listening via Zoom: Amy D, Gabrielle Sterling. In person guests: Jason Sterling, Bradly Hamburger, Heather Grimes.

Executive Session: Vice-Chair Ingles recessed General Session at 5:31 and Moved into Executive Session, as per ORS192.660 (2. (h),) to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regards to litigation.

Resumed Regular Board meeting at 5:53 with no Decisions made or Actions taken in Executive Session.

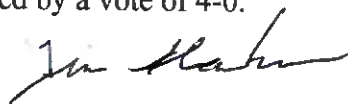
New Business:

Vice Chair Ingles then advised that they would be moving New Business item of "Dissolution-Resolution" up so that District Attorney Blackmore could participate and leave the meeting before other business. Discussion pursued regarding the need for the Resolution. Director Hamburger made a motion to adopt Dissolution Resolution #2026-001 and to direct Chief Christensen to add Exhibit #A & #B and to take to the Tillamook County Clerk for Processing. A second was received by Director Kerber, and the Motion was passed by a 4-0 vote.

Tillamook Volunteer Firefighters Association: TVFA President, Jason Sterling reported that January was a little slow activity wise, however February has made up for it with a lot of Medicals. The Association has purchased a new Turnout Dryer for the District. Also looking at Turnout Storage systems.

Non-Agenda Items: None.

Minutes: Discussion on Minutes of January 20th, 2026 Regular Board Meeting. A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting was made by Director Hamburger and seconded by Director Hoffert to approve. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.



Financial Statement/Check Transactions: Board reviewed documents of January 2026 Financials; January LGIP and January Bank Statement; January-26 Payroll; January-26 Account Payables; February-26 Payables to date. A Motion by Director Hoffert to approve the Financials, the 2nd from Director Kerber, the motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

Chief Reports: Chief Edwards gave an update on January and February Activity, 67 total alarms for January, including 21 EMS calls, 15 MVA, 10-Fire related, 1 Water Rescue and 20 others (burn complaints, smoke investigations, haz-mat, false alarms.) There were (3) three high dollar fire losses for the month of January. Lightning Strike fire that damaged Residence and destroyed outbuilding. Trask River Apts., that caused substantial damage to two (2) apartments and destroyed a third apartment, also unfortunately was a Fatality in that Apartment. A Barn Fire that destroyed the structure and caused the loss of 21 goats.

Equipment maintenance pump tested E-71. Suspension System inspection of E-74, with all components within specifications. Replaced bumper guards on rear of L-71. Installed brackets on R-73. Still working on Station Generator Replacement.

Building Seismic upgrade is approximately 98% completed with punch-list items to be completed. Some items will be on hold until weather improvements this Spring. CB Construction has demobilized as of February 5, 2026.

Training for the month included Bleeding Control Techniques. Structure Fire Critiques. Aerial Operations and Swift Water Rescue Awareness.

Chief Christensen: Working on Fire Investigations from the Fatal Fire and the Lightning Fire. South Fork Forest Camp, working with establishing an IGA with them. Working on putting offices back together. Review applicants and files. Working on making old Maintenance Office into future Administrative Assistant office.

Old Business:

1-The BCTFD Steering Committee is still working hard. Director Hamburger advised that people could go to County Elections Office and start signing up for positions on the New District Board, for the May Election.

2-Administrative Assistant position was discussed. There were four applicants, one removed their application availability prior to the testing. A second applicant had moved to Texas and said they were not available. Testing occurred on two applicants, and one of them has removed their desire for the position due to acceptance of other employment. Chief Christensen will be setting up an interview in the near future for the remaining applicant. Requested interest from Board to sit on that interview panel. If this applicant is not offered the position, we will continue the application process, as it was advertised as open until filled.

3-Chair Ingles advised the audience that the Litigation that was identified at prior meeting has been resolved by our insurance carrier SDAO and as of this time there are no outstanding litigation issues within the District.

New Business: No Other New Business.

Concerns of the Board: No Comments.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m. was made by Director Hoffert and seconded by Director Hamburger. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0. The next meeting will be the Regular Board meeting on March 17th, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Kamrath, Administrative Chief

Board Vice-Chair, Leonard Ingles