

**HOODLAND FIRE DISTRICT # 74  
BOARD WORK SESSION MINUTES  
March 16, 2019**

Those Present: Board Members: John Pruden, Darcy Lais, Mary Ellen Fitzgerald, and Pat Buckley. Staff: Fire Chief; John Ingrao.

1. Call to Order: By Darcy Lais at 1:04 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Pat Buckley.
3. Persons to be Heard. None.
4. Local Option Levy Discussion.
  - A. Chief and Pat recently gave a presentation at the Rhododendron CPO meeting. The Rhododendron CPO was very supportive of the Levy and they are planning to submit an argument in favor for the voter's pamphlet and they are planning to put something in the Mt. Times.
  - B. Mary Ellen gathers input for the joint argument for the Board in favor of the levy for the voter's pamphlet. Arguments are due to Clackamas County Elections by March 25th.
  - C. Received questions regarding how HFD's tax rate compares to other fire district tax rates. Hoodland Fire has had the same tax rate since the 90s.
5. Board Attendees for the Meetings and Town Halls.
  - A. Board Members decide which meetings they can attend based on their schedules.
6. Strategic Planning – Goals Review.
  - A. Old Goal #1: 24 hour Career Staffing completed on May 1, 2017.
  - B. Goal #1: Government Camp – Remodel Government Camp Station.
    - i. This goal will be completed once the remodel process is complete.
  - C. Goal #2: Facilities Infrastructure - Main Station Infrastructure Improvements.

6. C. Continued.

i. We are going to get another seismic study on the Main Station.

ii. The main station is not seismically sound, so we can apply for seismic grants to help fund the remodel project.

iii. The land that the station is on is several different county zones, so the options are limited due to set backs and easements.

iv. We could look at options to relocate the station.

v. We could change the name to Hoodland Public Safety and add office space for Police.

vi. There are Public Safety grants available to help with funding.

vii. There are big logistics issues/concerns as to where we will go while there is construction going on.

D. Goal #3: ALS Fire Transport Feasibility.

i. We need to research this and figure out how this would impact the budget.

ii. There are issues with long delays of AMR responding.

iii. We might be able to get a donated AMR ambulance.

iv. Chief will talk to Clackamas Fire regarding their contract with AMR.

E. Goal #4: Inter Agency Considerations, Long Term Planning.

i. Future plans for a joint station with Sandy Fire on the border.

ii. Sandy Fire Board and Hoodland Fire Board need to have another joint meeting to discuss their ideas.

iii. We could lease the Brightwood Station land.

iv. We could sell the Brightwood Station land. We would need to keep the part of the land with the radio tower.

7. Discussion of Union Negotiations.

A. Contract negotiations are going smoothly, mostly language clarifications.

B. Before anything can be approved, we need the marked up copy with the changes from Gary the Union Rep.

C. The contract will need to first be approved by the career firefighters.

D. The Board will then discuss the contract in Executive Session and approve it in Regular Session.

8. Health Insurance Review.

A. In July the SDAO (Moda) rates are going up.

B. TVFF Insurance (Blue Cross) is another option that saves the district \$28,000.

C. Employees pay 5% of their insurance.

9. Good of the Order.

A. John Pruden is planning to move to Sandy and will not re-run for a board position.

10. Adjournment.

MOTION MADE: By Pat Buckley.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 2:37 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

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