

Clackamas Fire District #1



SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (This meeting was recorded.)
June 29, 2009

- I. CALL TO ORDER PER ORS 192.610 TO 192.710**
ORS 192.650 – The meeting is being recorded.
ORS 197.710 – Smoking is banned during the meeting.

Chairperson Warren called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Board of Directors Jim Doane, Dave McTeague, Don Trotter, Marilyn Wall and George Warren; Chief Ed Kirchhofer; Deputy Chief Scott Weninger; Personnel Services Chief Mark Cauthorn; Finance Director Susan McSperritt; Legal Counsel John Osburn; and Executive Assistant Karen Strejc.

- II. CHANGES TO AGENDA –**
None

- III. PUBLIC COMMENT**
None

Chairperson Warren recessed the special board meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Chairperson Warren called the Budget Hearing to order at 7:04 p.m.

IV. BUDGET HEARING

Finance Director McSperritt reported that she had two items related to the Fiscal 2009 budget to share with the Board. She also informed the Board that the resolution presented at this meeting was the one approved at the June 15, 2009 board meeting and there were no changes to it.

She shared that at the last board meeting the Board had approved a lease for the Pleasant Valley Golf Course to use as training grounds. The District may experience increased expenditures in the Training Division for fuel to mow the grounds and for the temp labor dollars for prepping the grounds. The District will have more ability to train at the Training Center and at the golf course so this may require more expenditures. Expenses will be monitored and they will try to be absorbed into the existing budget. She will report to the Board as the year progresses and request Board action if needed.

Chairperson Warren closed the Budget Hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Chairperson Warren reconvened the special board meeting at 7:10 p.m.

V. BUSINESS – Action required

B-1 Request Board Approval of Resolution 09-06 –Adopting the Budget, Making Appropriations, and Levying Taxes – Finance Director McSperitt

Director Trotter moved and Director Doane seconded the motion to approve Resolution 09-06 - Adopting the Budget, Making Appropriations, and Levying Taxes. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS - No action required.

OB-1 Discussion Regarding Worker’s Compensation Renewal

Chief Kirchhofer reported that SAIF was the only response the District received for worker’s comp coverage. TVF&R is in the same position as CCFD #1 as they only received one proposal for worker’s comp as well. SDAO chose not to bid any larger fire districts in the state. The main reason is related to the number of career firefighters and the impact on cancer presumptions.

Finance Director McSperitt explained that she had seven brief points to share with the Board regarding worker’s comp.

1. The Fire District only received one proposal. There is a reluctance of other carriers to make proposals to fire agencies until there is a better understanding of how the cancer presumption legislation will affect workers comp.
2. SAIF renewal rates do not seem to indicate any preemptive increases due to the cancer presumption.
3. The pure rates quoted on page 7 of Item OB-1 actually indicate a slight reduction in each of the four categories quoted.
4. Because of the District’s loss history, its Experience Rating Modification Rate went up from 1.06 to 1.16. The District’s experience has driven the rates up slightly.
5. SAIF uses a five tier system for their rates and they are lettered A through E. A is the highest cost tier with E being the lowest cost tier. The District will be in the second to the lowest cost tier.
6. With this proposal, the District can take advantage of the prepay option. If the District pays the policy in full by July 10, there will be a three percent discount. This would save the District \$14, 172 for the year.
7. If the proposal is accepted, the worker’s comp policy will cost \$406, 533. In the adopted budget, \$470,485 was budgeted for the policy. There will be more than enough funds to cover the cost of the policy.

Director Wall asked if the period adjustment statements would be made in Fiscal 2009 for Fiscal 2008. Finance Director explained that the payroll is reconciled immediately after the end of a fiscal year and it is completed before audit. She shared that in Fiscal 2008, the District has incurred only \$19,000 worth of losses. Discussion followed.

Director Doane asked if the District took advantages of any of the services offered by worker’s comp. PSC Cauthorn explained that the District has taken advantage of some of the workplace accommodations. Director Doane asked if any employee would have to file an 801 form to take

advantage of any of the services. PSC Cauthorn shared that anyone who seeks medical treatment must file an 801 claim. Chief Kirchhofer shared that this would be researched and an answer provided at the next regular board meeting regarding if an 801 would have to be filed to use any services. He explained that in the past two years, Wellness Coordinator Heather Goodrich has done an excellent job in following up with SAIF and submitting for specialized equipment that helped get employees back on alternate duty status.

Chief Kirchhofer shared that other SAIF services that the District has used includes their consultation services for the Safety Committee, they reviewed operations in developing the hazardous communications plans and provided consultation inspections for several facilities.

Director McTeague moved and Director Wall seconded the motion to authorize Chief Kirchhofer to sign the worker's compensation proposal. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The special board meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Karen Strejc
Executive Assistant



Vice Chairperson, Don Trotter



Secretary, Dave McTeague