



Prospect Rural Fire Protection District Minutes of the Board of Directors regular meeting, August 19, 2024 Prospect School-Media Center

President Karen Wickman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Attending: Karen Wickman, Lon Stockebrand, Clay Thomas, Bob Scott, and Joyce Dierking

Also Attending: Fire Chief Lyle Neville, Bob Jones (accountant), and 15 other community members and guests.

Approval of June and July minutes. Clay made a motion to accept, Joyce seconded, passed 5-0.

Bob Jones gave the financial report. Joyce made a motion to accept, Lon seconded, passed 5-0.

Guests Curt and Mike Burrill were introduced by Bob Jones. They have graciously and generously offered to pay the purchase price and transaction fees for the property at the corner of First Street and Mill Creek Drive. Goodboes, who own the property, are offering it for \$50,000.00 which is half of the original asking price. The Burrill family have lived in Prospect and have donated lots of money for Prospect Fire District over many years. The understanding is that a new fire station be built at this site within the next 10 years. If this is not accomplished or at least significant progress made, Goodboes can buy the land back for \$50,000.00. A resolution to accept the Burrill's offer was presented by Bob Jones. Lon made a motion to accept the resolution, Clay seconded, passed 5-0.

Lyle read his Fire Chief's report. If we get the brush truck from Crater Lake we will have two trucks, which will really help our department. \$65,000 grant for PPE was awarded to our district.

Melissa Taylor gave a report on the progress the Levy committee has made. She also reported on the responses of community members at the Levy booth at the Jamboree. Seventeen people wrote positive answers on the survey

there, four people responded negatively to the levy proposal, and several stated that they would like more information. A fourteen-minute video about the effects of passing or not passing a levy was played.

Melissa asked the Board members if they supported putting the levy measure on the ballot in May, 2025. Each board member stated their position; all said that they would support putting the levy to a public vote. Bob Scott, Lon, and Clay all expressed concerns about asking for too much of a raise in taxes. Lon made a motion to accept the resolution to put the levy on the ballot in May, 2025. Bob Scott seconded it, passed 5-0.

Lon asked the procedure for opening Prospect RFPD correspondence. He also is concerned that emails are not coming through in an appropriate time-frame. Bob Scott and Karen are still waiting to get fire department email accounts. The Fire Department administration is working to clear up these glitches.

Clay brought up the grievance that was filed last month. Discussion was made on what the board can and should do. Lyle said he is working on it as needs more time to resolve this issue. Currently this grievance is in the process of being resolved.

The meeting was opened for public comment. Topics: acknowledgment of Mike Trout's efforts to get a brush truck from Crater Lake, Bob phone number change, and Karen and Bob fire board email accounts.

Clay made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, Lon seconded, passed 5-0.

Next Board of Directors meeting September 16, 2024
BOD agenda items due by August 31, 2024

Recording of meeting available at www.prospectrfpd.org