

SW Polk Fire District

Special Meeting Minutes – February 22, 2022 – 15455 Salt Creek Rd. Dallas, OR 97338*

Meeting was held virtually via RingCentral Meetings

Board Members Present	Board Members Absent
SW Polk Fire District Frank Pender Keith Moore Bruce Sigloh Rod Watson (V) Bob Davis (V)(ARC)	
	Administration Present
	Fred Hertel Christine Talley Scott Magers

Virtual- (V) Arrives after roll call- (ARC)

GENERAL BUSINESS		
Call to Order		Vice President Frank Pender opens the meeting at 6:00 pm. SW Polk Fire District has a quorum of directors and will allow deliberation, decision making, and will take public comment per the posted agenda. Pledge of Allegiance is recited.
Roll Call		Chief Hertel calls roll as delineated above.
Meeting Minutes	Discussion/Action	Motion: Sigloh Motion: Moore <i>I move we approve the February 10th minutes</i> Motion Passes Unanimously
Additions/Corrections to Agenda	Discussion	Pender adds Resolution Number 2021-22-04. Hertel explains that it is part of the “General Operating Levy” item that is already on the agenda. Sigloh adds a review of today’s Polk County ASA advisory committee meeting. Hertel adds Chief’s discussion
General Operating Levy	Discussion	Hertel states that this is an important discussion and asks to postpone until later in the meeting to give Director Bob Davis a chance to join.
ASA Meeting	Discussion	Sigloh provides a review of the Polk County ASA Meeting. Chief Hertel provides the definition of several terms at Sigloh’s request.
General Operating Levy	Discussion/Action	The board reviews Resolution Number 2021-22-04. Motion: Davis Second: Watson <i>I move we adopt resolution number 2021-22-04, establishing a resolution calling for an election within Southwestern Polk County Rural Fire Protection District (Polk County, Oregon) referring to the voters a measure imposing a 5-year local option levy for operations and adopting a ballot title.</i>

		<p>Moore asks if there needs to be any language in the resolution to renew at 4 years instead of 5. Hertel answers no.</p> <p>Motion passes unanimously</p> <p>Hertel states the date on the resolution document provided to board members was left over from the February 10th meeting and it would be corrected to today's date before it is signed. Hertel asks Watson if he gives permission for Frank Pender to sign in his absence. Watson says yes.</p>
Chief's Discussion	Discussion	<p>Hertel says they have been working on setting up ACH payments, but all the utility companies so far have refused to provide the information that would allow the district to initiate the payment from the district account. He states that he would need direction from the board to transition to a system allowing funds to be pulled by the utility companies instead. He states they would still have documentation and the ability to track it. The board agrees to allow Hertel to continue pursuing other options.</p> <p>Hertel states there is a Polk County Livestock Association meeting at 6:00pm on Thursday the 24th and that the district has allowed them to host the meeting at the Rickreal Station in exchange for allowing the district to give a presentation on defensible space and the levy. He suggests having one or two members present. Pender and Sigloh state they will try to attend.</p> <p>Hertel states that at the March 10th meeting the district will be presenting a resolution for a supplemental budget regarding conflagration revenue.</p>
Director Comments	Discussion	<p>Sigloh asks if anyone saved an article regarding an issue with Salem Fire Department, stating it would be good for public relations.</p> <p>Sigloh asks if they should vote to remove the language on the agenda regarding face masks. Hertel states he does not know exactly where they are at in the guidelines regarding public meetings.</p>
Meeting Adjournment		Meeting adjourned at 6:52pm

Upcoming meetings/events:

- March 10th SWP Regular Meeting

Board packet and handouts included:

- February 10, 2022, Minutes
- Resolution No. 2021-22-04