**TILLAMOOK FIRE DISTRICT**

**2/18/2025**

The Board Meeting for Tillamook Fire District was held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Tillamook Fire Station, 2310 Fourth Street, Tillamook, Oregon.

**Call to Order:** The regular board meeting was called to order by Chair Leonard Ingles at 5:29 p.m.

Board Directors Present:

Chris Kell, Director Brian Cameron, Director

Leonard Ingles, Chair Casey Burden, Vice-Chair

Sara Christiansen, Secretary-Not in Attendance

Staff Present: Paul Edwards, Interim Fire Chief; Dale Kamrath, Administrative Chief (ZOOM);

Alan Christensen, Bay City Fire Chief

Guests: Listening via Zoom: Gabrielle Sterling, Amy D.; In person guests: Jason Sterling, Heather Grimes, Kris Grimes, Joel Hamburger, Tim Hamburger, Sean Kerber

**Tillamook Volunteer Firefighters Association:** TVFA President, Jason Sterling, expressed intent to give a different report; when the Interim Group of Administrator’s came in the Volunteers and the Administration, have changed the focus of the Organization. The Organization was down emotionally and skill-wise. Lack of Communication and Discipline within the Organization, it was revived and has been promoted. We have taken the stance to move forward. The Recruit Academy has spent countless hours of learning the skills necessary to succeed. A large Thanks to Lt. Evan Saindon for leading the Academy, to Lt. John Welch, FF Heather Grimes, FF Joel Hamburger. The academy is about halfway through the course. The organization is hamstrung by the lack of turnout gear that was donated by the prior administration in excess of several thousand dollars that the District does not possess to furnish for our new personnel. The Association is financially stepping up and assisting the organization by providing funding to provide some Turnouts and other equipment that is necessary for Operation.

**Non-Agenda Items:** Tim Hamburger asked if there were any updates on Litigation. Chief Kamrath advised that the District through SDAO has settled with (3) three of the Lawsuits. Mr. Burris’s suit was settled with SDAO paying $5,000.00; Mr. Spittles suit was settled with SDAO paying $15,000.00; and Mr. McClaskey settled his suit with SDAO paying $20,000.00. Mr. Descloux tort claim was signed by the District and is still in Lawyers hands trying to come to fruition. The Adams/Davis Lawsuit is still in the gathering status of documents and presentations. Tentative schedule on Hearing date is in September of 2025.

**Minutes:** Discussion on Minutes from the January 21st, 2025Regular Meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Director Cameron and seconded by Director Kell to approve. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

**Financial Statement/Check Transactions:** January Checking Statement; January LGIP Statement; January Payroll & Federal Tax Report; January Accounts Payables; January Financials; January Payroll & Stipends and the 2024 Year-End Tax Report-4th Quarter and W-2’s were reviewed. Motion made by Director Burden and seconded by Director Cameron to approve and pay Bills. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

**Chief Reports:** Chief Edwards gave an update on January Activity, 69 alarms, including 19-EMS calls, 6 -Fire related-One large dollar loss, RV fire in a Shop. Several Major Business Inspections, and Alarm issue with Helping Hands, message was received regarding potential charges for False Alarms. Some Rescue Repairs, in-House. OSFM Tender Still in Portland for Warranty Work. L-adder 71 is back with repair of the second lift cylinder. Mass-Casualty Trailer has Roof leak, repaired and placed Lock system on tongue/hitch. Seismic Grant is moving forward with Weekly meetings and recommendations. Turnouts are needed to be replaced. Station Generator still down, looking for repairs and possible replacement. Training for Month working on MCI Trailer, Protocols, Backboards.

Chief Kamrath: Continuing work on Invoices, Emails and Litigation follow-up. Audit of 2022-23 was completed and approved last month by the Board. 2023-24 Audit was received today in draft form for our review. Providing a few things for completeness and should be presented to the Board for Approval, next month. Working on litigation material, board records and Web-site updates while enjoying the Sun and Baseball, while watching the Beavers win their first 4 games of the Season.

Chief Christensen: Working on updates for IGA between Bay City and Tillamook Fire District. Working on Records Program-ESO; response, hose, pump, ladders; Training files being worked on and updated. Transfer of Records to ESO from First Due. Water Supply and Access permits reviewed. Fire Investigation. Update on OSHA files, one injury last year, a neck cut from hose. Updates on Background Reviews of all personnel.

**Old Business:**

1-The Election of Board Positions is scheduled for May 20, 2025. Reminder to get signed up for position if interested. The Election info is also placed on our Website under tonight’s meeting Agenda.

**New Business:**

1-Interim Chief Edwards, Administrative Chief Kamrath Extension of 90 days to Contract, to May 31, 2025. Motion to approve Extensions by Director Burden and Seconded by Director Kell. Motion was approved by a 4-0 Vote.

**Concerns of the Board:** Director Cameron stated for reminder that when SDAO settles a suit that the District has no say, regardless of thoughts. Director Burden thanked the Volunteer Assn. for their assistance with financial support to the District.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. was made by Director Burden and seconded by Director Kell. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0. The next meeting will be the Regular Board meeting on March 18, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Board Chair, Leonard Ingle Dale Kamrath, Administrative Chief