

**Oregon Fire District Directors Association
January 20, 2018
OFDDA Conference Room – Salem, Oregon**

MINUTES

Vice President John Dunn called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was present:

Present:

Dennis Rogers, Immediate Past President
John Dunn, Vice President
Eldon Marcum*
Curtis Hoopes
Kevin Van Dyke

Guests:

Allen Forster, OFDDA Past President

Not Present/Excused:

Don Thompson, President
Spike Piersol
Jamel Mercado

Staff:

Kandice Kawa
Genoa Ingram
Laureal Williams

**via videoconference*

Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Board meeting and the October 25, 2017, Board meeting.

MOTION: Moved by John Dunn and seconded by Kevin Van Dyke to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2017, Board meeting, with the correction to Umatilla County Fire District #1's name. **Motion passed.**

Financial Report

Laureal Williams reviewed the financial reports provided in the packet and discussed factors that impact the budget such as Board expenses, copy charges, the Communiqué, and the Conference.

MOTION: Moved by Dennis Rogers and seconded by Kevin Van Dyke to approve the financial reports as presented. **Motion passed.**

Guest Reports

Building Committee: Allen Forster reported on the seal coating of the parking lot, suggesting that the Board wait until dryer weather. The cost for sealing cracks in the lot is \$350; striping is \$300. Allen suggested holding off on striping until the lot can be seal coated. The cost of the seal coating is \$850 for a grand total of \$1,490.

MOTION: Moved by Eldon Marcum and seconded Dennis Rogers to approve the financial reports as presented. **Motion passed.**

Chief Scott Stanton: Chief Scott Stanton, Umatilla County Fire District #1 reported on the adverse impact of tax abatements under ORS 285(c), relating to enterprise zones and strategic investment plans. Because special districts are not on the same footing as cities and counties, fire districts are left out of the process and have no say in how long enterprise zone will be in effect, the amount of tax dollars to be abated, and other factors. He reported that as a result of two recent projects (Amazon data centers and a potato processing plant) which had qualified for the abatements, the fire district stands to lose between \$20–25 million in tax dollars over the next fifteen years. State Rep. Greg Smith plans to introduce legislation that will give fire districts a seat at the table and Chief Stanton asked that OFDDA support that effort. Board members agreed. Staff suggested also bringing the issue to SDAO since all types of special districts are impacted.

President's Report

Vice President John Dunn reported on his attendance at the bill signing ceremony for SB 375. He also had spoken with the volunteer firefighters and expressed concern over their signature gathering efforts. He discussed sending a letter encouraging the OVFA to ramp up their signature gathering and offering assistance from OFDDA. Laureal Williams suggested partnering with the OFSOA and making a presentation at the April conference.

Staff Report

LOSAP – Laureal reported that in 2017, \$687,481 in LOSAP funds was processed. She explained the redistribution process for funds returned due to non-vesting participants.

Legislative: Genoa Ingram reported on the bill signing ceremony for SB 378, noting that the OFCA had been invited to attend. She also reported on a legislative concept from Rep. Andy Olson (R-Albany) to fund relief for the families of fallen public safety officers that will be considered during the 2018 short session.

Board Outreach: Genoa reported that the office had received several calls regarding conflagration reimbursement payments. Those calls were referred to the Office of State Fire Marshal.

Building/Copier: The contract on the copier is nearing fulfillment and Xerox has approached staff about signing a new contract with a new copier. Staff recommends that the Board hold off until the contract is up to allow staff to examine other options.

Committee Reports

BPSST – No report.

Bylaws & Policies Committee – Dennis Rogers reported that all changes were adopted had been implemented.

Governor's Fire Service Policy Council – Meeting cancelled.

Conference Committee – Laureal reported on several requests for conference refunds; one from a Chief who had just returned from a conflagration and one requesting reimbursement for two guest meals for a guest who did not attend.

MOTION: Moved by Curtis Hoops and seconded by Eldon Marcum to issue a credit to the Chief for attendance and next year's conference. **Motion passed.**

MOTION: Moved by Kevin Van Dyke and seconded by Curtis Hoops to bill for the actual costs of the meals only with a letter explaining. **Motion passed.**

The Board reviewed the conference evaluations, noting 42 percent return rate from attendees. Overall, evaluations were very positive. The Board expressed a preference to issue credits for cancellations rather than refunds and also refund a graduated percentage based on how soon the cancellation was received.

SDAO Legislative – Dennis Rogers reported that the Legislative Committee is scheduled to meet next week. Additionally, the SDAO Conference is scheduled for February 9-11 in Seaside. The Fire Caucus is scheduled to meet at 3:00 p.m. on February 9.

NAEFO – No report.

Nominations Committee – Dennis Rogers reported that there was a vacancy on the Board and former OFDDA President Don Trotter and Clackamas Board member Jay Cross had expressed interest.

Fire & Life Safety – John Dunn reported that he had attended a meeting the previous Thursday. A new program, “*Insight*”, was implemented in New Zealand and Oregon received permission to adopt it. The program relates to the reporting of juveniles involved in arson fires. Tangent Fire has a new employee who John believes may be a good addition to the *Insight* Subcommittee. John also reported that he had met with representatives of the Office of State Fire Marshal and discussed stepping up the exchange of information between the two entities.

Property Committee – Previously provided by Allen Forster under Guest Reports.

Ambassador Committee – No report.

Budget Committee – No report.

Past Presidents Committee – No report.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Meeting Schedule – The Board reviewed the proposed meeting schedule for 2018 and approved the proposed meeting dates, including meeting during the Coos Bay Conference of the Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association. Board members agreed that it would not be a hardship on Board members now that video conferencing has been fully implemented.

Committee Assignments – All assignments made thus far were approved; however, Jamel’s preferences need to be taken into consideration.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 21, 2018, 10:00 a.m. at the OFDDA office in Salem.

Adjourn

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.