

**KLAMATH 9-1-1 COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
MINUTES OF DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, February 21, 2024
Klamath 9-1-1, 2543 Shasta Way, Klamath Falls OR**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Randy Sword.

Board Members Present:

Brandon Fowler
Bob Moore
Randy Sword
Larita Ongman
Jan Bos

Board Members Absent: Chuck Brandsness
Larita Ongman

Others Present:

Joanie Rote
Jessica Gibson
Holly Snell
Mike Rudd – Board Attorney
Gordon Sletmoe – SDAO Consultant
Amanda Rose - Virtual

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Consent of the Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda: Brandon motioned to accept the agenda as printed, Bob seconded, motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of Minutes: Brandon motioned to approve the meeting minutes from January 21st as printed, Bob seconded, motion carried unanimously.

C. Claims and Demands: Brandon motioned to accept claims and demands for February as printed, Chuck seconded, motion carried unanimously.

IV. Old Business

A. Funding Committee Report: Jessica reported that the levy has been given measure #18-132 and is viewable on the county website.

B. Board Vacancy Zone 6: None

C. Succession Planning: Executive Session today.

D. SDAO Conference Report: Jan said it was a great conference and very informative.

Brandon said this year was good and as always he got a lot out of it. The AI and Cyber Security sessions were very informative and he saved digital copies of the session presentation packets if anyone would like them. Jessica acknowledged that she has them as well and would send them out to the board.

Joanie said sometimes the training can be a bit boring, but she thought it was good.

Jessica said she included a list of the sessions she attended and has notes if anyone would like them. The things that stood out the most were covered in the legislative session which she included on the staff report.

Special District Recognition Act: this would be an amendment to Title 13, making special districts eligible to receive Title 13 funds.

HB2805: effective Jan 2024, board members must attend a virtual or in-person public meeting training once per term in office.

HB 4075 is a state property tax of up to \$0.25 per \$1000 of assessed value. Funds would be for public safety - unlikely to pass because 20% of the \$0.25 would go to the State. Brandon said he testified on behalf of fire districts and took a neutral position on the bill. The general intended message behind this bill is that public safety districts cannot continue to survive on the current funding structure and limitations with lack of funding opportunities. The overall idea lacked in presentation, but the hope is that it would generate conversation at the higher level. Discussion followed regarding funding limitations and the need for change.

HB 4045: would create a new PERS class for 911 dispatchers, categorizing the position as hazardous and high-risk. This would grant early retirement for OPSRP at age 55 instead of 60 and with 25 years of service instead of 30. This would be implemented in 2030 and is expected to pass. It would increase employee benefits by 20% (at the time of retirement) and increase employer contributions by about 5%.

HB 4050: would allow for hiring and retention bonuses under the Oregon Equal Pay Act.

SDAO Dues: will be changing to a rate that is a percentage based on the operating budget.

V. New Business

A. Business Manager Report: Jessica reported on the following.

LGIP Investment: January Dividends \$9246.84

Money Market \$5384.42, Equipment Res. \$3647.82, Building Res. \$214.60

SDIS Loan Program: provides a means for short term funding that utilizes block chain financing to provide the best financing opportunities available.

B. Ops Manger Report: Joanie reported on the following.

Trainees: two trainees attended and graduated from DPSST Basic and EMD classes. Congratulations Daniel and Tori. Two additional trainees are working with a trainer on console and another is almost through classroom training.

January Call Status: 8654 total calls of which 4066 came in on a 911 line, 1174 were Fire & EMS, 837 were medical specific, 6387 were law enforcement incidents and 1874 were law enforcement initiated.

C. Acting Director Report: Joanie reported on the following.

CBA Representation: reached out to four labor attorneys recommended by Bullard Law and two of the attorneys informed they are not taking on new clients. The firm Miller Nash is willing to take on the district and provided a proposal for service to review. Joanie recommended going with Miller Nash because of their familiarity with the district through working at Bullard Law. Discussion followed.

Brandon made a motion to authorize Joanie to enter into the agreement for service with Miller Nash LLP, Jan seconded, motion carried unanimously.

CAD Project: Meetings are taking place this week at the PD moving the project forward and ongoing engaged with Tyler is weekly. The CAD build will be in May on site.

Radio Console Project: Day Wireless is preparing to install the week of March 4th. Training will be held on March 7th and deployment will follow on March 8th. Fire tones in two stations will be split at this time as well.

Phone CPE Project: onsite configuration will take place on April 22nd and the FBI router will be moved as well. Onsite Vesta training will take place the week of April 29th for staff and deployment will follow the week of May 6th.

Logging Recorder: installation is being planned for March 3rd prior to the radio install.

Brandon asked if Tim or Steve from Central Cascades had approached Joanie at the conference about providing an update to their board in May. Joanie said no. Jessica said she spoke with Steve at the conference, and he will be reaching out in May to schedule a presentation around the 3rd week.

D. Home Show, March 8 – 10th: Randy handed out the schedule for board members to sign up for timeslots. Discussion followed regarding display information and flyers. Brandon asked if there was more value in having a display on an easel for viewing. Joanie recommended having pictures of incidents and press releases from responding agencies because each one was initiated from 911. Bob said it would be good to have something that speaks to time being of the essence. Brandon will send some fire pictures to Joanie for use. Joanie said she would see about having some staff attend and Jessica and herself will be present as well.

E. Executive Session per ORS 192.660 (2)(a): Randy excused the public to enter executive session at 10:43a. The public meeting resumed at 12:05pm.

Jan Bos left the meeting.

Public Comments and Other Matters: None

Agenda Items for March 20, 2024, 10:00am meeting

Budget Committee Appointment, Home Show Report, Executive Session per ORS 192.660 (2)(a)

- VI. Adjourn:** Brandon motioned to adjourn the meeting, Chuck seconded, motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 pm.