**NORTH GILLIAM COUNTY RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**Regular Meeting**

DATE: February 12, 2024

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: 1500 Railroad Avenue – North Gilliam County Fire Hall

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerry Gabbey

Skye Krebs

Joe Patnode (6:25 pm)

NOT PRESENT: Victor Rolfe

Kolten Boethin

OTHERS PRESENT Jodi Claughton – Executive Secretary

Joe Claughton – Fire Chief

Casey Zellers – GCFSC

Sheriff Gary Bettencourt

Meeting Called to Order

The regular meeting called to order at 6:25p.m.

Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Public Comment

Sheriff Gary Bettencourt presented the Board with preliminary plans for the updating of the old fire hall. After reviewing the plans and discussing pricing the Board was in agreement to move forward with the renovations. Lease length and rent would be discussed at a later date as Gilliam County will be paying for the renovations.

Minutes

The minutes from the January 08 2024, were approved as presented.

Fire Chief’s Report

* 16 call outs for the month of January
* Leaf Springs on Brush truck will be replaced
* Working on a Grant for skids for trucks

Joe and Skye met with Mayor Bufton and Fire Commissioner Davidson to discuss the outdated IGA between the two entities. Some of the major changes were:

For services provided under this Agreement, City shall pay to District the following amounts per annual period (July 1 through June 30):

From July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026: $14,800.

From July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027: $17,600.

From July 1, 2027, and thereafter: an amount equal to 80% of the amount that would be subject to the District’s tax rate ($.5311 per $1,000) if the property in the City of Arlington were subject to the District’s tax jurisdiction, as determined at the beginning of each annual period.

Gilliam County Fire Services Coordinator Report

* Staffing Grant for the 2023 fire season was a huge success statewide. Applications open March 1st for the 2024 grant.
* Mutual Aid agreement for the Tri-County Area is under review.
* Applied for a BLM Grant for a Brush truck
* BLM Coop Agreement has not been updated since 2006.

City Fire Commissioner Report

No Report

Unfinished Business

Signed the letter releasing the Fire Trailer to Umatilla County Fire Department #1

New Business

The Budget Calendar for the 2024-2025 FY was approved as presented.

A motion was made by Joe Patnode and seconded by Jerry Gabbey to appoint Jodi Claughton as the Budget Officer for the 2024-2025 FY.

Melody Tucker, Kip Krebs and Marta Mikkalo were appointed to the Budget Committee.

Gilliam County Fire Services is requesting a letter from the District stating how long the additional funding of $20,00 would be available. After discussing the matter, the District committed to the additional funds for the 2024-2025 FY. Further contributions will be determined after input from Kolten Boethin who is the representative for the Fire District.

A motion was made by Joe Patnode which was seconded by Skye Krebs to have an additional General Fund Bank Statement with the Bank of Eastern Oregon sent directly to Jerry Gabbey for auditing purposes. Motion carried.

Financial Report and Bills

A motion was made by Joe Patnode, which was seconded by Jerry Gabbey to approve the bills as presented.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Next meeting date: March 18, 2024

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Skye Krebs – Board Chairman Jodi Claughton – Executive Secretary

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