

Molalla Rural Fire Protection District No.73

**Board of Directors Meeting
320 N Molalla Ave, Molalla, OR
Wednesday March 15, 2023**

1 **Directors Present:** Vice President Todd Gary was in person, President Mike Towner and Member Brian
2 Lister were via Zoom link.

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4 **Directors Absent:** Secretary Brian Wolfe and Member Steve Long

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6 **Others Present:** Chief Vince Stafford, Administrative Assistant Melissa Goodwater, Staff members
7 Dustin Hamilton, Cody Walker, Wyatt Brawner, accountant Dani Tice, guest speaker Canby Division Chief
8 Matt Dale and via Zoom link Lt. Byron Wakefield.

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10 **Call to Order:** The 715th meeting of the Board of Directors of Molalla Rural Fire Protection District #73
11 was called to order by Vice President Todd Gary at 9:31am with no objections from the members.

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13 **Flag Salute:** DC Matt Dale.

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15 **Approval of the February 15, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes as follows:**

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17 Mike Towner moved to accept the minutes as submitted, Brian Lister seconded the motion. The motion
18 carried 3/0.

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20 **Bills and General Ledger:**

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22 After review of the Check Report presented to the Board, Mike Towner moved to pay the bills as
23 presented. Brian Lister seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

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25 **Call to the Public:** None. At this time Melissa Goodwater also confirmed there was no public write-in or
26 call-in.

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28 **Financial Review:** Melissa Goodwater informed the Board that the Columbia Bank Visa and one of the
29 Verizon bills had not come in yet, when they do she will call Board members to come in for signatures.
30 She also let the Board know that Columbia Bank is being merged into Umpqua Bank and that steps had
31 been taken for the change over. GEMT supplemental payments to the District have added up to over
32 \$200,000 so far this fiscal year. Mike Towner asked if the recent bank collapses have created any issues
33 that we are aware of. Chief Stafford stated that most of our money is in the State Treasury.

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35 **Presentation of Clackamas County ASA Strategic Plan Taskforce Meeting:** Canby DC Matt Dale
36 presented and held a question and answer session regarding the content and recommendations of the ASA
37 Strategic Plan.

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39 **Old Business:**

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41 OB-1 Urban Renewal. No new updates.

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43 OB-2 COVID Updates. The state mask mandate will be lifted April 3rd. We will still be
44 disinfecting the station daily and after every call.

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46 OB-3 Type III Interface Engine. We began putting equipment on the Type III. Lt. Shaver is
47 working on getting various additional supplies. Chief Stafford will be taking it to the
48 DMV to get the title.

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50 OB-4 Antique Buffalo Engines. No updates.

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52 OB-5 C800 Upgrade Progress. The budget is still being worked on.

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54 OB-6 May 2023 Levy Measure 3-591. Chief Stafford and Melissa had a meeting with
55 Campbell DeLong on Monday to review flyers, mailers, fact sheets and press release.
56 These will be handed out in April. The union has posted a schedule to hand out yard signs
57 and they have ordered several larger signs. Mike Towner asked how we are addressing
58 social media. Chief Stafford stated that the union will be able to post, but our Facebook
59 will not contain much.
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61 **New Business:**

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63 NB-1 Grants and Class Updates. Wildland classes are popular and well attended right now. Lt.
64 Wakefield is having two Burn-to-Learns in April. We can't count on DPSST for live
65 training at this time.
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67 NB-2 District Funding and Operations. The turnout that were sent to be tested for asbestos
68 were negative. It was said that they were still not clean, so steps have been taken to do
69 further cleaning. We will also be using P100 masks during overhaul. Inflation has hit the
70 district with about 6% increase in the last month and call volume is down. During the
71 next months Board meeting we will have the dedication of the Type III and Molalla
72 Communications to dedicate the new T.I.C. they supplied a grant to.
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74 NB-3 Community Renewable Energy Grant Program. Lt. Byron Wakefield asked the Board to
75 support the Oregon Department of Energy's Community Renewable Energy Grant
76 Program and to authorize him as the representative and signer for the grant application.
77 A letter was presented to the Board for signature. The grant would bring solar panel
78 back-up to the Mulino Fire Station and a small generator to back that up. Vice President
79 Todd Gary asked for a motion to proceed with the Community Renewable Energy Grant
80 Program and to authorize Lt. Byron Wakefield as the signer.
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82 Mike Towner made a motion to move forward on the grant and to authorize Lt.
83 Wakefield as the signer. Brian Lister seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.
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86 NB-4 Review / Update District Policies. The Board was given Chapter 8 Personnel Policies to
87 review.
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89 NB-5 Items that may come before the Board. Chief Stafford has meet with the union
90 representatives regarding the upcoming collective bargaining agreement renewal. We
91 have a Chain of Survival presentation on May 5th, 2023 with four survivors that Cody
92 Walker is working on.
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94 **Correspondence:** See packet.
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96 **Chief's Report:** In addition to the Board Packet, Chief Stafford stated that the banquet went well with
97 Firefighter of the Year going to Jeff Corless, EMT of the Year to Andrea Johnsen and Rookie of the Year
98 to Ryan Koenig.
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100 **Volunteer President Report:** None.
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102 **Good of the Order:** All is well.
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104 **Open Agenda:** Brian Lister commented that he had been told by a couple of citizens that required our
105 services that the staff was timely and the level of care was excellent. Mike Towner thanked Chief Stafford

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106 and Byron for their hard work on the grants and would also like to have a reminder for events like the
107 Chain of Survival so that he can attend.

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109 **Executive Session 192.660(2)(i) was tabled for next Board Meeting.**

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112 **Meeting Adjourned at 10:23am**

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114  Board Member

4-19-23 (Date)

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4/19/23 (Date)

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