

Molalla Rural Fire Protection District No.73
Board of Directors Meeting
320 N Molalla Ave, Molalla, OR
Wednesday April 24, 2024

1 **Directors Present:** President Mike Towner, Vice President Todd Gary, Secretary Brian Wolfe and
2 Member Steve Long.

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4 **Directors Absent:** Member Brian Lister.

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6 **Others Present:** Chief Vince Stafford, Administrative Assistant Melissa Goodwater, Staff Members Lt.
7 Mike Penunuri, Lt. Dustin Hamilton, Ayden Zimmerman, Kalle Goforth, Micah Brazil, Jeff Corless,
8 Robert Toumbs, Chaplains Nick and Liz Williams and several friends and family members of the four new-
9 hires attending for their Swearing-In.

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11 **Call to Order:** The 728th meeting of the Board of Directors of Molalla Rural Fire Protection District #73
12 was called to order by President Mike Towner at 9:35am with no objections from the members.

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14 **Flag Salute:** Todd Gary

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16 Swearing-In of FF/P Kalle Goforth, FF/EMT Micah Brazil, FF/EMT Jeff Corless and FF/EMT Dylan
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19 Recess to a short visit and cake with friends and family members of the new-hires.

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21 **Approval of the March 20, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes as follows:**

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23 Brian Wolfe moved to accept the minutes as submitted, Steve Long seconded the motion. The motion
24 carried 4/0.

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26 **Bills and General Ledger:**

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28 After review of the Check Report presented to the Board, Todd Gary moved to pay the bills as presented.
29 Steve Long seconded the motion. The motion carried 4/0.

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31 **Call to the Public:** None. Melissa Goodwater confirmed there was no public write-in, and Zoom/phone
32 attendance was Byron Wakefield only.

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34 **Financial Review:** Melissa Goodwater stated the auditors have started the pre-audit requirements due May
35 15th. Chief Stafford and Melissa have enrolled in the reporting portal for the Medicare Ground Ambulance
36 Reporting system that is required by CMS for 2023-2024 beginning July 1st. GEMT FFS should be
37 requesting a payment in the next month and GEMT CCO should be sending reimbursements soon. Special
38 Districts Best Practices program will include required Public Meeting Training for all Board members.
39 Part of the program will also include updating our Public Meetings Policy.

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41 **Old Business:**

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43 OB-1 Urban Renewal: City of Molalla will owe the District approximately \$51,000. If there is
44 nothing to spend the money on this fiscal year, we could possibly roll it over to next year.

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46 OB-2 Antique Buffalo Engines: Mike Towner discussed planning with the volunteer
47 association to see where the money has been spent on the restoration and how much
48 money there is to be spent. Plans need to be made to move ahead that could include
49 displaying it on a flatbed for donations from the public.

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51 OB-3 100 Year Anniversary: Things are going well. Cups, coins and badges have come in.
52 Mike Towner attended the last Chamber meeting and handed out coffee mugs to about 30
53 members. May 8th will be the next committee meeting.

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New Business:

NB-1 Grants and Class Updates: MAWS is being finalized and materials being delivered to Captain Shavers and Bar 88. This year we will have two helicopters per day, one will be a National Guard helicopter. Mariah from OSFM is here this morning attending a meeting with Lt Dusting Hamilton and other leaders of the MAWS. At this time Chief Stafford asked Byron Wakefield to review the Solar Grant for the Mulino Station and the letter authorizing the grant application for the construction process.

Todd Gary made a motion to authorize the grant application for the Oregon Department of Energy's Community Renewable Energy Grant of up to \$1,000,000.00 of funding. Brian Wolfe the motion. The motion carried 4/0.

Byron Wakefield updated the Board and Chief Stafford on several other grants he has been working on including a SAFER Grant, OSFM Wildland Up Staffing Gant and 2024 Ice Storm.

NB-2 District Funding and Operations: The new ambulance has been projected for completion in June 2025. Mike Penunuri updated the Board on NFPA standards required for the patient compartment. Mike also discussed the problems that have occurred with the new breathing air compressor. He has been working with the sales representative and has spoken with the vice president of the manufacturing company. It might have to be replaced, or a new one purchased through a different manufacturer. It is still under warranty.

NB-3 Letter authorizing submission for OR Dept. of Energy Community Renewable Energy Grant Construction Process. This was addressed in NB-1.

NB-4 Items that may come before the Board. None.

Correspondence: See Board Packet.

Chief's Report: In addition to the Administration report, Chief Stafford told the Board how his trip to FDIC went. FireCom will be doing a photo shoot at the MAWS. The budget is ready to be put together and he reminded the Board that the budget committee meeting is next month, May 15th at 7:00pm.

Volunteer President Report: None.

Good of the Order: Loren Johnson is recovering from back surgery. Chief Stafford is doing well after his neck surgery, Melissa Goodwater's husband is recovering from a medical incident and Melissa will be fully released in June from her foot surgery.

Open Agenda: Brian Wolfe asked about the new statistic reports that have the volunteers listed. This was a report requested by Mike Towner so the Board could see the volunteer response. Mike Towner stated that the SDAO Registration email he received did not have any pertinent classes for Board members but said he would be willing to attend if needed for the Best Practices program. Todd Gary said that he is looking in to getting a group of local district Boards together for a large in-person class for the SDAO Board training.

Adjourn to Executive Session 192.660(2)(d) at 10:30am

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107 **Resume Regular Meeting at 10:50am**

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Based on discussion held in Executive Session, Brian Wolfe made a motion to approve an increase to the administrative HRA/VEBA from \$1500.00 per year to \$2400.00 per year. Brian Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried 4/0.

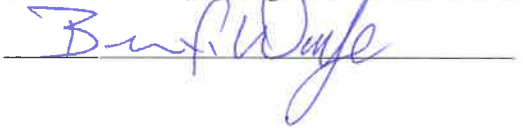
116 **Meeting Adjourned at 10:56am.**

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Board Member

5-15-24 (Date)



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