

**Molalla Rural Fire Protection District No.73**

**Board of Directors Meeting  
320 N Molalla Ave, Molalla, OR  
Wednesday May 17, 2023**

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

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4 **Directors Absent:** None.

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6 **Others Present:** Chief Vince Stafford, Administrative Assistant Melissa Goodwater, Staff members Lt.  
7 Mike Penunuri, Lt. Ethan Hupp, Evan Fawcett, Cody Walker and Wyatt Brawner, District Accountant Dani  
8 Tice and Budget Committee Members Scott Delbridge, Jesse Batson, Jodi Houser, Jim Stafford and by  
9 Zoom link, Daphne Lisac.

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11 **Call to Order:** The 717<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Directors of Molalla Rural Fire Protection District #73  
12 was called to order by President Mike Towner at 7:02pm with no objections from the members.

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14 **Flag Salute:** Brian Lister.

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16 **President Mike Towner asked the Board to reappoint Budget Committee Members Scott Delbridge,  
17 Jim Stafford and Jesse Batson.**

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19 **Brian Wolfe moved to reappoint the three Budget Committee Members as requested, Brian Lister  
20 seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.**

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22 **Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm to hold the Budget Committee Meeting.**

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24 **Regular Meeting resumed at 7:43pm after approval of the 2023-2024 Budget. The Budget Committee  
25 Members excused themselves from the reminder for the meeting.**

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27 **Approval of the April 19, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes as follows:**

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29 **Todd Gary moved to accept the minutes as submitted, Brian Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion  
30 carried 5/0.**

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32 **Bills and General Ledger:** Mike Towner inquired about a credit at Les Schwab. Melissa Goodwater  
33 stated that a charge for tires was put on a credit card and also paid by check. Lt. Penunuri will use the  
34 credit for another set of tires for an ambulance before the end of the fiscal year.

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36 **After review of the Check Report presented to the Board, Todd Gary moved to pay the bills as presented.  
37 Brian Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.**

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39 **Call to the Public:** None. At this time Melissa Goodwater also confirmed there was no public write-in,  
40 Zoom attendance or call-in.

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42 **Financial Review:** Melissa Goodwater let the Board know that the preliminary audit has begun and the  
43 final will be September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. The 2022 GEMT FFS payment to the District should be received by  
44 06/30/2023. Melissa also informed the Board that Special Districts Insurance will no longer be carrying the  
45 Workers Compensation insurance and it will be handled by SAIF at a comparable cost to the District..  
46 Chief Stafford said that because of fire districts cancer claims, SDIS can no longer bear the cost of the  
47 workers compensation policies. Mike Towner asked what the supplementary board documents from WHA  
48 Insurance were, Chief Stafford stated that is information regarding liability insurance trends in costs and  
49 coverage.

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51 **Old Business:**

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- 53 OB-1 Urban Renewal. Lt. Wakefield is getting bids for the security fence that the Urban  
54 Renewal Funds from the city will go towards.  
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56 OB-2 COVID Updates. We are almost back to normal. We are still disinfecting and wearing  
57 masks on medical calls.  
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59 OB-3 Type III Interface Engine. The engine is still in having the stainless steel redone. Steve  
60 Long voiced concern that there can't seem to be any apparatus purchased that does not  
61 break down. He asked what the down time is on the engines. Conversation took place  
62 between the Board, Chief Stafford and Lt. Penunuri regarding apparatus recalls, repairs  
63 and costs.  
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65 OB-4 Antique Buffalo Engines. No updates.  
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67 OB-5 C800 Upgrade Progress. Discussion regarding the C800 progress was held in the Budget  
68 Committee Meeting.  
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70 OB-6 May 2023 Levy Measure 3-591. Though not official yet, the levy appears to have passed  
71 with an approximate 80 % voter approval.  
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73 **New Business:**

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75 NB-1 Grants and Class Updates. MAWS is coming up on June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. On June 5<sup>th</sup> Chief  
76 Stafford will be picking up the sprinkler kits that will be used.  
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78 NB-2 District Funding and Operations. Chief Stafford stated ambulance billing collections are  
79 going well and that the 2020 and 2021 collection rates are at 98%. Payments from the  
80 VA have finally been coming through.  
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82 NB-3 Resolution 05-17-23 Establishing Mitigation Program and Rates. At the last Board  
83 meeting Mike Towner asked that the resolution be amended to clarify that billing would  
84 be to out of district residents only. The amended resolution was presented to the Board.  
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Todd Gary made a motion to approve Resolution 05-17-23. Brian Wolfe seconded 87 the motion. The motion carried 5/0.
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89 After approval of the resolution, Chief Stafford asked the Board if a non-resident incident  
90 became uncollectable from insurance or the individual, would they want to pursue  
91 collection attempts. The Board unanimously agreed that they did not want the accounts  
92 sent to collections.  
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94 NB-4 Items That May Come Before the Board. None.  
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96 **Correspondence:** See packet.

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98 **Chief's Report:** In addition to the report in the Board Packet, Chief Stafford told the Board that the Burn  
99 to Learn on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> will be at Main and Ona Way on a 3000sf house and some out-buildings.  
100 This will be an academy burn and will include Molalla, Woodburn, Aurora, Colton, Canby and Hubbard.  
101 Discussion was held regarding the warming center usage.  
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103 **Volunteer President Report:** None.

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105 **Good of the Order:** Firefighter Hamilton's wife had surgery and is recovering well.

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**Open Agenda:** Steve Long requested that Molalla Fire District participate in a local active shooter class that will be put on by the City Police on August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

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**Meeting Adjourned at 8:13pm**

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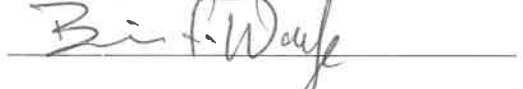


Board Member

6-21-23 (Date)

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6/21/23 (Date)

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