

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

**Board of Directors Meeting  
320 N Molalla Ave, Molalla, OR  
Wednesday November 15, 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. Dustin Hamilton, Robert Toumbs, Ayden Zimmerman, Lt. Ethan Hupp, Loren Johnson,  
8 Capt. Clint Shaver, Evan Fawcett, and volunteers Liz Williams, Nick Williams, Diane Herkamp, Dylan  
9 Wynn, Joseph Shinen and Accountant Dani Tice. Multiple family members attended for Swearing-In of Lt.  
10 Hamilton and Capt. Shaver. (See Sign-In Sheet).

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12 **Call to Order:** The 723<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Board of Directors of Molalla Rural Fire Protection District #73  
13 was called to order by President Mike Towner at 9:30am with no objections from the members.

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15 **Flag Salute:** Todd Gary.

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17 **Swearing-In:** Captain Clint Shaver and Lieutenant Dustin Hamilton were sworn in with a short break to  
18 have photos and cake with family members from 09:37 to 09:52.

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20 **Approval of the October 18, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes as follows:**

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22 Todd Gary moved to accept the minutes as submitted, Brian Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion  
23 carried 4/0. (Member Brian Lister had not returned to the meeting yet).

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25 **Bills and General Ledger:**

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27 After review of the Check Report presented to the Board, Steve Long moved to pay the bills as presented.  
28 Todd Gary seconded the motion. The motion carried 4/0. (Member Brian Lister had not returned to the  
29 meeting yet).

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

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34 **Financial Review:** Melissa Goodwater told the Board that the GEMT 2023 CCO Program funds are  
35 starting to come in, so far we have received over \$135,000. The audit draft is in for Chief, Dani and  
36 Melissa to review. Chief Stafford has some concerns on how the Bond payment is being reported for the  
37 change from Accrual to Cash basis of accounting. This will be investigated with the auditors. We are still  
38 waiting for two conflagration reimbursements. There are reports of the VA reducing their ambulance  
39 reimbursement rates down to what Medicare rates are. More to come.

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41 **Old Business:**

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43 OB-1 Urban Renewal: Building has slowed down because of interest rates. No final word yet  
44 on the Police Department bond for their new station.

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46 OB-2 Antique Buffalo Engines: The muster engine is ready to be picked up in time for the  
47 Santa parades.

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49 OB-3 C800 Upgrade Progress: Things are being finalized.

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51 **New Business:**

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53 NB-1 Grants and Class Updates: Miscellaneous grants are being submitted and classes are  
54 being lined up. County Community Wildland project is in draft. Molalla had the highest  
55 survey return in the county.

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57 NB-2 District Funding and Operations: Tax revenue is beginning to come in. Draft financial  
58 statement is in. Civil Service testing will be December 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be  
59 doing the PAT differently this time. Call volume is steady. We will have a roofer and  
60 plumber at the Mulino station to address the flooding. Roots have plugged the drain  
61 lines. Mike and Clint are working on getting a quote from I & E for the Mulino station  
62 remodel which will not affect the Solar Grant. Chief Stafford mentioned that Canby  
63 Fire's Chief Davis will continue for another year. Lt. Penunuri is specking another  
64 ambulance. Chief will be in communication with Bond council to discuss going for the  
65 Bond in May 2024.

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67 NB-4 Items That May Come Before the Board. The Board spoke about who would also be  
68 going out for a bond in May. It is possible that the library, pool and school district would  
69 be.

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71 **Correspondence:** See Board Packet.


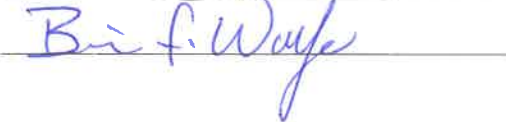
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73 **Chief's Report:** In addition to the Administration Report, the Chief gave the Board some preliminary  
74 pricing on items for the 100-year anniversary. He will have a proposal for the Board to vote on next  
75 meeting. The Board asked if the Union and volunteer association would be helping with the costs. Chief  
76 stated that the official Open House would be July 6<sup>th</sup> with the Buckaroo going from July 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup>, we  
77 should get a good crowd.

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79 **Volunteer President Report:** None.

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81 **Good of the Order:** Melissa will be off for two weeks for foot surgery.

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83 **Open Agenda:** None.

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85 **Meeting Adjourned at 10:28am.**

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87  Board Member 12-20-23 (Date)  
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89  Board Member 12/20/23 (Date)  
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