

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

**Board of Directors Meeting  
320 N Molalla Ave, Molalla, OR  
Wednesday November 17, 2021**

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. Mike Berrington, Bryce Estabrook, Loren Johnson, Cody Walker and Dustin Hamilton  
8 and volunteer Keaton Foster.

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10 **Call to Order:** The 699th meeting of the Board of Directors of Molalla Rural Fire Protection District #73  
11 was called to order by President Mike Towner at 9:34am with no objections from the members.

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13 **Flag Salute:** Todd Gary.

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15 **Approval of the October 20, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes as follows:**

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17 Brian Wolfe moved to accept the minutes as submitted. Todd Gary seconded the motion. The motion  
18 carried 4/0.

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20 **Bills and General Ledger:**

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22 After review of the Check Report presented to the Board, Steve Long moved to pay the bills as presented.  
23 Brian Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried 4/0.

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25 **Call to the Public:** None.

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27 **Financial Review:** Melissa Goodwater stated that the GEMT FFS documentation has been submitted with  
28 a potential Medicaid reimbursement for \$148,217 of which the District would pay \$37,054 and net  
29 \$111,163. This should be received around May and the District portion due in March. The District is also  
30 working on an additional GEMT program that would pay monthly and will not have the extensive reporting  
31 as the current one. Also noted was that the 2021 Annual Survey of Local Government Finances has been  
32 completed and submitted.

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34 **Old Business:**

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36 OB-1 Urban Renewal. No updates.

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38 OB-2 COVID Updates. No updates.

39 **New Business:**

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41 NB-1 Grant & Class Updates. There are several wildland classes being held at CCC for the  
42 Winter/Spring term. Lt. Wakefield has an approved grant for an Emergency Response  
43 for Batteries class from OSFM being held on December 11<sup>th</sup>. We received a \$4,064 grant  
44 from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Fund for wildland fire supplies. This would bring both  
45 brush engines to be stocked the same. We have received the check for the Type III  
46 engine and have begun to spec it. We have one year to spend the money. This Saturday  
47 is the live burn to learn for the academy and we have four people that will be attending.

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49 NB-2 District Funding & Operations. Despite the low call volume for the last few shifts, we  
50 are 311 calls ahead of last year. Lt. Penunuri has been working on getting a new  
51 ambulance and is finding that there are no chassis available with the exception of a gas  
52 powered F450. Ford is not accepting orders until 2023. Lt. Penunuri pointed out that we  
53 have the potential to be down to one ambulance. Lt. Penunuri asked the Board if he

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54 found a suitable chassis if the Board would consider having a special meeting to approve  
55 up to \$52,000 to purchase it. At this time, Todd Gary suggested approving up to \$62,000  
56 now so that there would not have to be a special meeting.  
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58 Todd Gary made a motion to approve up to \$62,000 of emergency funding for the  
59 purchase of an ambulance chassis. Steve Long seconded the motion. The motion  
60 carried 4/0.  
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62 NB-3 Resolution 11-17-21A Appropriating Unanticipated Conflagration Reimbursement from  
63 Oregon Department of State Police.  
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65 Steve Long moved to approve the resolution as written. Brian Wolfe seconded the  
66 motion. The motion carried 4/0.  
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68 NB-4 Resolution 11-17-21B Appropriating Unanticipated Grant from Siletz Tribal Charitable  
69 Fund.  
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71 Steve Long moved to approve the resolution as written. Brian Wolfe seconded the  
72 motion. The motion carried 4/0.  
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75 NB-5 Resolution 11-17-21C Appropriating Unanticipated FEMA DR-4599-OR Disaster Relief  
76 Funds.  
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78 Steve Long moved to approve the resolution as written. Brian Wolfe seconded the  
79 motion. The motion carried 4/0.  
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81 NB-6 Fire Recovery USA Request for Modification of Billing Practices. The Board discussed  
82 the out of District billing practice with Chief Stafford and agreed that for the amount of  
83 money earned from Fire Recovery USA, they would prefer not to have to bill our own  
84 citizens so that we could bill out of District parties and to leave as is.  
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86 NB-7 Items that may come before the Board. Chief Stafford mentioned that Cowboy Coffee  
87 was successful with their Coffee with a Cop and would like to do a Coffee with a  
88 Firefighter.  
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90 **Correspondence:** See Board Packet.  
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92 **Chief's Report:** In addition to the Board packet, Chief Stafford mentioned that we have offered Garrett  
93 Rotter, one of the volunteers, a student sleeper position and has an interview with another today. He is also  
94 working with a Colton volunteer that would like to be a student but is still working on his EMT Basic  
95 certification. SDAO has been in touch with Chief regarding his back-to-work status and has available  
96 \$5,000 for equipment to help with light duty. CCOM was out on Wednesday to go over run cards with Lt.  
97 Shaver, Lt. Penunuri and Chief Mike Corless from Aurora.  
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99 **Volunteer President Report:** Vice President Eric Aleksich let Chief Stafford know that due to his work,  
100 he would not be able to attend the Board meetings on a regular basis. Operation Santa parades are moving  
101 forward and food barrels are being delivered. There will be a drive at the Grocery Outlet this weekend.  
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103 **Good of the Order:** Chief Stafford is back on light duty and doing well.  
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105 **Open Agenda:** Chief Stafford mentioned that the Union MOU for work-back is ready for the Board to  
106 review. Cody Walker will be off probation in two weeks.

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108 Meeting Adjourned at 10:21am

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Board Member

12/15/21 (Date)



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