

**Klamath County Fire District 1
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting Minutes
7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 15, 2025
Central Fire Station
143 N. Broad Street, Klamath Falls, OR 97601**

1. Call Meeting to Order

President Storey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

President Storey led the Board and attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Directors

Present:

Gloria Storey, President

Mike Jones, Vice-President

Dennis Thomas, Secretary Treasurer

Ernie Palmer, Director

4. Approval of the Agenda

Director Palmer made a motion to approve the agenda as amended to add Item 8.b. New Business, Renewal of Attorney Contract, seconded by Secretary Treasurer Thomas, motion carried four to zero.

5. Approval of Minutes

a. March 31, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Vice-President Jones made a motion to approve the March 31, 2025 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Secretary Treasurer Thomas, motion carried four to zero.

6. Financial Reports

a. March 2025 Financial Reports

Director Palmer made a motion to approve the March 2025 financial reports subject to final audit, seconded by Vice-President Jones, motion carried four to zero.

b. Ratification of March 2025 Bills

Vice-President Jones made a motion to approve the March 2025 bills, seconded by Secretary Treasurer Thomas, motion carried four to zero.

c. March 2025 EMS Billing Reports

Secretary Treasurer Thomas made a motion to approve the March 2025 EMS billing reports, seconded by Director Palmer, motion carried four to zero.

Director Palmer thanked President Storey for performing a review of the financial statements prior to Board meetings in order to provide clarification to Board members when needed.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

8. New Business

At this time, the Board is now acting as Contract Review Board and will take up the matter of:

a. Agreement for Physician Supervisor Services

FC Davis reported Dr. Logan Smestad, Physician Advisor, is moving out-of-state. David Cauble, Sky Lakes CEO, recommended Dr. Joel Klas to fill the position effective May 1, 2025. The agreement has been reviewed by both legal counsel and Dr. Klas and has been updated slightly. The agreements of the two physicians will overlap for about a month in order to provide training and continuity for a seamless transition.

Vice-President Jones made a motion to approve the agreement for Physician Supervisor Services, seconded by Secretary Treasurer Thomas, motion carried four to zero.

b. Renewal of Attorney Contract

Attorney Ratliff provided a brief review of hours spent during the last contract term and requested a 10% increase in the monthly fee, explaining the details of the contract fee schedule and the arrangement should assist the District with budgeting and save money. Attorney Ratliff requested the opportunity to renew the contract with the District.

Director Palmer made a motion to approve the contract for Legal Services for the period May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2027, seconded by Vice-President Jones, motion carried four to zero.

At this time, the Board is no longer acting as the Contract Review Board and the next item on the agenda is:

9. Informational Reports

Fire Chief

a. Fire Chief Activity Memo April

FC Davis reported members of the District participated with several community partners in a simulated train derailment in downtown Klamath Falls that was put on by the State Fire Marshal. By mid-May, all county departments should be moved to the new radio frequency coordinated through the Klamath Interoperability Radio Group grant (KIRG); the District put in for and will manage the grant. Three staff members and two peer team members attended a two-day training titled "Struggle Well", that offers assistance with responder mental and behavior health. FC Davis and DAS Hull have several items lined out on the 2025-2026 budget. Labor negotiations with Local 890 continue. The Annual Awards Dinner, as rescheduled, is Friday, April 25, 2025.

b. Thank you Correspondence

None.

Deputy Chief

a. Deputy Chief Activity Memo April

DC Hitchcock provided an update on ambulance retrofits/remounts, reported Celeste Aldinger is working diligently to iron out the kinks in the new CAD program, and big budget items are being looked at for the 2025-2026 budget.

b. March Incident Activity

No Discussion.

Division Chief – Training

a. Division Chief-Training Activity Memo April

DC Knutson reported there's been a hard focus on apartment bundle set up, safety and trainings. Over the past month there were case reviews performed with Dr. Smestad, the new CAD system implementation, rope and water rescue trainings, and three different National Fire Academy (NFA) leadership classes with Chief Hepple out of Eugene.

Division Chief – Fire Marshal

a. Division Chief-Fire Marshal Activity Memo April

FC Davis reported FM Tramp represented the District at a meeting regarding the remodel of 6th Street between Avalon and Highway 39, nine candidates were interviewed for the two Community Risk Reduction (CRR) Technician positions, and three tons of combustible debris has been removed to-date this season through the CRR trailer program.

10. Public comment

None.

11. Adjourn and Move into Executive Session *(The Board will not reconvene to regular session.)*

Motion to adjourn by Vice-President Jones, seconded by Secretary Treasurer Thomas, motion carried four to zero.

The regular session adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

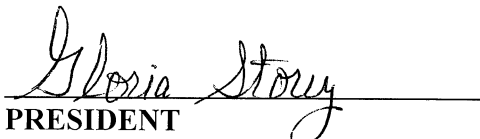
12. Executive Session

Under ORS section 192.660 (2) (d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated to carry on labor negotiations and under ORS section 192.660 (2) (i) to review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer of any public body, a public officer, employee or staff member who does not request an open hearing.


Executive session was called to order at 7:25 p.m. and was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Klamath County Fire District 1 Board of Directors will be at the Central Fire Station, 143 N. Broad Street, Klamath Falls, OR 97601 on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBER SIGNATURES




PRESIDENT



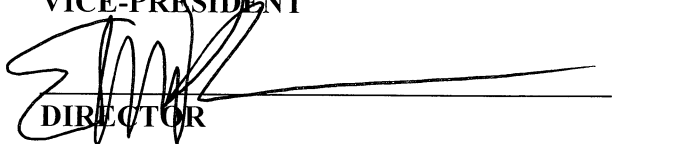
SECRETARY / TREASURER

Position vacant

DIRECTOR



VICE-PRESIDENT



DIRECTOR