

**Klamath County Fire District 1
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting Minutes
4:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 31, 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 4:00 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

Vice-President Jones made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Director Palmer, motion carried four to zero.

5. Approval of Minutes

a. February 18, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Director Palmer made a motion to approve the February 18, 2025 regular meeting minutes, seconded by Secretary Treasurer Thomas, motion carried four to zero.

6. Financial Reports

a. February 2025 Financial Reports

Director Palmer made a motion to approve the February 2025 financial reports subject to final audit, seconded by Secretary Treasurer Thomas, motion carried four to zero.

b. Ratification of February 2025 Bills

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

c. February 2025 EMS Billing Reports

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

7. Unfinished Business

None.

8. New Business

a. 2025-2026 Budget Calendar

DAS Hull checked with Board members in regard to availability for Budget Committee meeting dates.

9. **Informational Reports**

Fire Chief

a. Fire Chief Activity Memo March

FC Davis reported the 2025 version of the State Mobilization Plan will be presented to the State Fire Defense Board in May. Through Title III funding, a few places within District 1 were awarded fire mitigation grants. KCFD1 recruitment was opened for two mitigation positions through the Community Risk Reduction program, to start May 1. FC Davis and DAS Hull are developing the 2025-2026 budget, the 2024 Annual Report is complete, labor negotiations continue, and the DC of Operations assessment center will take place in April.

b. Thank you Correspondence

None.

Deputy Chief

a. DC Activity Memo March

DC Hitchcock reported an ambulance will be hired back for the Kingsley Field Air Show in July; the expected attendance is 20,000–30,000 people. Station projects taking place are the Station 1 generator installation, Station 3 roof repairs from the storm (50% covered by insurance), and the Station 4 air line project. The District continues to address the needs of specific frequent flyer and lift assist patients. The CAD rollout was March 18; a lot of extra time and effort was put in by Celeste Aldinger and DC Knutson. In addition, there have been a lot of visits with local high school students recently, the spare ambulance chassis that was in Idaho sold, the new remounted ambulance and the OSFM Type III engine should be received in April. DC Hitchcock attended an OSFM zoom presentation regarding ways local departments and task forces can work better with the state, discussions and plans for fleet maintenance continues to be discussed with the city, the Klamath Interoperable Radio Group (KIRG) completed the county communications plan and all county radios should be reprogrammed within the next month. DC Hitchcock addressed questions from Board members.

b. February Incident Activity

No Discussion.

Division Chief – Training

a. DC-Training Activity Memo March

DC Knutson highlighted March trainings which included Blue Card professional development recertification, a two-day apartment bundle training with standpipe information, EMS case reviews with Dr. Smestad, NFPA leadership training series, CAD, and building familiarization. Firefighter Beau Bailey was able to complete a one-week firefighter academy with the hard work of instructors/firefighters Josh Ryan and Cody Engler.

Division Chief – Fire Marshal

a. DC-Fire Marshal Activity Memo March

FM Tramp met with the Klamath Falls City Park Advisory Board regarding the upcoming Moore Park mitigation project. The Oregon Fire Code Committee will be working on 2025 code revisions with an October 1, 2025 implementation date. FM Tramp also reported specialized addressing was developed for the ladder truck, 29 full commercial fire and life inspections we completed, 86% of 1,200 systems are in compliant status, the current radio advertising topic is community risk reduction, and the Prevention Division staff had a booth at both the Home Show and the Sportsman show.

10. **Public comment**

Due to a conflict, the April 15 Board of Directors meeting time will be moved from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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 4:35 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 4:37 p.m. and was adjourned at 5:15 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, April 15, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBER SIGNATURES



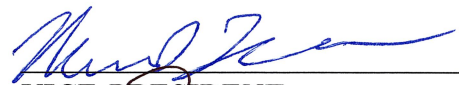
PRESIDENT




SECRETARY / TREASURER

Position vacant

DIRECTOR



VICE-PRESIDENT



DIRECTOR