

**Medford Rural Fire Protection District #2**  
**200 South Ivy, #180, Medford, Oregon**  
**October 7, 2020 3:00PM**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order 3:00PM- Regular Meeting**

**Roll Call**

X	President Bill Riggert
X	Vice President Joe Brooks
Excused	Sec/Treasurer Dan Marcisz
X	Director Jack Tait
Excused	Director Lisa Sandrock

**Introduction of Guests- None**

**Staff Members in Attendance**

Eric Thompson, Fire Chief  
Pam Webber, Executive Admin Assistant

**Public Comment- None**

**Motion to approve Minutes of September 2, 2020 Meeting-Tait**  
**Second- Brooks**  
**Motion carried- Unanimous**

**Agenda Meeting Attendees- Bill Riggert & Dan Marcisz**

**Financial Status Report- Marcisz**

Demand Account		Interest*	Capital Reserve		Interest*
Fund 5942			Fund 5946		
Chckg Acct 0847			Pool Plus- 4155		
<b>Total</b>	\$195,126.22	N/A	<b>Total</b>	\$1,351,582.11	N/A

*Totals prior to Sept 30, 2020 due to Marcisz unavailable since 9/28. Actual balances will be reported at the November 4, 2020 meeting.*

Expenses		
PO#1814 Cascade Fire- Equip for Type 6's	7,980.00	1-5070
PO#1820 Cascade Fire Equipment- Bladder Bag	205.00	1-5070
PO#1823 State of OR Ethic Commission- Annual dues	548.87	1-5075
Secretary/Treasurer Stipend	750.00	1-5180
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,483.87</b>	

**Expenses- Continued from Page 1**  
**Motion to pay \$9,483.87 in expenses- Tait**  
**Second- Brooks**  
**Motion carried- Unanimous**

**Correspondence- None**

### **New Business**

#### **Tax Collection- Budget impact due to Alameda fire and potential reduced tax revenue**

There was a discussion regarding information provided by Marcisz (on file) and the properties that were affected during the Alameda fire. Chief noted that it is premature to know how the revenue will be affected. Chief informed the board that he will defer some of the larger 20-21 budgeted expenses, such as the pumper, until we have more information. He assured the board members that the department is maintaining at this time, but very conservative about new expenses. He anticipates MFD will receive a state reimbursement for lost and damaged equipment. It was determined that there is no action required at this time. The board will wait for more information.

**Old Business- None**

### **Fire Chief's Report**

#### **Alameda Incident Update- Chief**

Chief gave an update on the fire and the cleanup efforts. FEMA has authorized class A reimbursement. Damages to the affected areas are estimated to be in the \$190,000,000 range. He noted that the State and Federal responses have been rapid. There will be challenges with rebuilding in the flood zone near Bear Creek. Medford Fire had all employees working with exception of four (two from fire prevention and two firefighters). Chief is grateful that the personnel made it through the incident without injury.

The subject of the communications to evacuate citizens was discussed. Chief explained that this incident involved multiple jurisdictions adding to the communication challenge. There will be further review of the use of the County Emergency Alert system. Chief noted that the City of Medford is in the process of building a Medford evacuation plan (normally something that is only done at the County level). The City is advocating assistance from outside the city to assist us with an After Action Report, especially to address the challenging areas. The Governor made a visit to Medford and had a conversation with local public safety members regarding forest and greenway management.

Riggert noted that the board appreciates the updates and forwarded emails throughout the incident.

**October Newsletter- Chief**

Chief informed the board members that due to the impact of the Alameda fire, the October newsletter will not be published. Many of the addresses that we have in the data base are now unoccupied. He anticipates that the Spring newsletter will be published with a more complete report and the burn permit.

**Item not on the Agenda-**

**Abandon structures in the District- Riggert for Sandrock**

Lisa would like to know what is being done about blight houses. Chief responded that the City has a Code Enforcement division that addresses these properties, he is not sure what kind of County program we have if any.

**Good of the Order- None**

**Meeting Adjourned  
4:00PM**

Respectfully submitted by Pam Webber, MFR