

POLK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO.1
Board of Directors
August 24, 2026
4:30pm – Central Station
Location: 1800 Monmouth St., Independence, OR 97351

Also, virtually at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83280363029?pwd=NGRDbTVmOHJNMIRQR3ZSV055Um1wZz09>

Meeting ID: 832 8036 3029 - Passcode: 801072

President Jeff Hamilton
Vice President Cord Von Derahe
Secretary Mike Lippsmeyer
Director Curtis Cole
Director Dan Miller

Chief Ben Stange
DC Neal Olson
DC Frank Ehrmantraut
DC Troy Crafton (absent)
Office Administrator Stephanie Hale
Office Assistant Anne Schuyler-Moon

CALL MEETING TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Anyone wishing to address the Board please sign the sheet on the back table with your name and topic that you would like to discuss. If you are online, please use the raise hand feature when it comes time for public comment. Comments are limited to three minutes but the Board welcomes additional information in writing. Typically, a speaker's comment is taken under advisement to allow time for the Board to review an issue, however, the Board may ask a speaker for additional information or may convey to the speaker some information that addresses their comment.

Meeting minutes will be recorded and kept for 60 months.

Open for public comment on any of the agenda items.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Purchase of New Medic Unit

- a. In 2024 the board approved a purchase of an ambulance
- b. July 2nd, we had a crash of an ambulance
- c. We had 3, we would have been up to 4, went down to 2 temporarily and back to 3
 - i. This is reordering another ambulance
 - ii. The board last meeting transferred to the reserve fund.
 - iii. On the table today is the ability to purchase another ambulance
- d. The special board meeting is because of a price increase on September 1st. By having this meeting early, we can get the current pricing instead of the increased pricing.
- e. We are looking at a year to 14 months for delivery.
- f. **Secretary Lippsmeyer** – We are going to have 4 and is the plan to have 3 in the fleet and sell one?
 - i. **Chief Stange** – We would like to maintain 4. We have times when things are out of service for weeks at a time; standbys at Western; etc. It gets hard to be consist to have 3 ambulances if you only have 3 ambulances.
 - ii. **Secretary Lippsmeyer** – Mileage on the fleet?
 1. **Matt Connery** - Our oldest is 187,000
 2. **Secretary Lippsmeyer** – What is end of life?
 3. **Matt Connery** – We should get 300,000+
- g. **President Jeff Hamilton** – This just puts us back on track
 - i. **Chief Stange** – Correct.

- h. **Vice President Cord Von Derahe** – move we approve the purchase of up to 405,000 for Ford F550 Horton Ambulance from PSS.
 - i. **Secretary Lippsmeyer** – Second
 - ii. **President Jeff Hamilton** –Discussion? No discussion.
 - iii. **President Jeff Hamilton** – All in favor, none opposed – motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: According to ORS 192.660. If necessitated by business. None.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Jeff Hamilton adjourned the meeting at 4:40pm

Minutes by Anne Schuyler-Moon