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| Board Members Present | Board Members Absent |
| **SW Polk Fire District**  Rod Watson  Frank Pender  Bob Davis (Phone)  Tom Jenkins | Tom Gilson |
| Administration Present |
| Fred Hertel  Sheila Peirce |

Virtual- (V)    Arrives after roll call- (ARC)

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| **GENERAL BUSINESS** | | |
| **Call to Order** |  | Rod Watson opens the meeting at 6 pm. SW Polk Fire District has a quorum of directors and will allow deliberation, decision making, and will take public comment per the posted agenda. Pledge of Allegiance was recited during the regular board meeting. |
| **Roll Call** |  | Sheila Peirce called roll as delineated above. |
| **Additions/Corrections to Agenda** |  | None |
| **Approval of Minutes** | *Discussion/Action* | The board reviewed the minutes for June 13, 2024, regular board minutes.  **Motion** Pender  **Second** Jenkins  *I move to approve the minutes for June 13th regular board meeting.*  **Motion Passes Unanimously** |
| **Financial Report** | *Discussion/Action* | The board reviewed the June financial report. Chief Hertel discussed GEMT and the changes to the budget.  **Motion** Pender  **Second** Davis  *I reviewed the June bank statements and financial reports, I move to approve the financials as presented.*  **Motion Passes Unanimously** |
| **Audience Participation** |  | None |
| **Old Business** |  |  |
| 1. **USFW/SW Polk Fire -Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement** | *Discussion/Action* | Chief Hertel contacted Jeremy and had a meeting set but it got cancelled. Chief Hertel will try and set up a meeting before the next board meeting. |
| **New Business** |  |  |
| 1. **BOC Letter** | *Discussion* | The board reviewed the response from the Board of Commissioners. |
| **Chief’s Report** | Discussion | Upcoming Events list was given out.  Application Process – We have 15 applicants that will be interviewed on Monday. We are making a hiring list, and the Civil Service Commission will need to approve.  Conflags – Upper Applegate and Larch Creek  Summer Help – Working on defensible space and educating our citizens. Internship grant we have two people working on a defensible space garden for people to come and look at what one should look like.  ISO standard rating – We have a rerate in August. We have our Training boxes stacked, working on safety rails and a pitched roof eventually will have live fire trainings. ISO will count this as a 3-story training facility which should give us the highest number of points.  Grants – We were contacted by OEM and were awarded a Cyber Security grant through them. We will be hiring a third-party vendor to do this work. We have asked Polk County to see if we could hire their IT people. Pender suggested looking into Willamette ESD or Council of Governments.  AFG grant which is for cardiac Compression devices and cardiac monitors. They asked some questions this week so that might be good news for us.  Annexation Process – Legislation just passed an annexation bill that is designed if a property is unprotected within 7 miles from a fire district the BOD can annex them without going through all the paperwork and departments. This is a new process so Chief Hertel is going to talk to a Chief from Southern Oregon that has done the process so we will have a better idea how it is done.  Lindy Rickert from Salt Creek Cider passed away. We sent flowers on behalf of SW Polk Fire District. |
| **Director Comments** | Discussion | None |
| **Meeting Adjournment** |  | **Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm** |