

**Minutes for SW Polk Special Board Meeting on November 17, 2020 4 PM**  
**SW Polk Fire District**  
**275 Main St. Rickreall, OR 97371**  
Meeting was held virtually via RingCentral Meetings

Board Members Present	Board Members Absent
<b>SW Polk Fire District</b> Rod Watson Keith Moore Bruce Sigloh (V) Frank Pender Bob Davis (V)	None
	<b>Administration Present</b>
	Fred Hertel Mariah Prescott Damon Schulze (V)

<b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b>	
<b>Call to Order</b>	President Rod Watson, SW Polk Fire District, opened the meeting at 4:28 pm. The agency has a quorum of directors which will allow deliberation, decision making and will take public comment per the posted agenda.
<b>Future Planning</b>	<p>Watson asks how the split votes in Sheridan Fire District are going to impact the voters. Sheridan seems divided 3 for consolidation: 2 against consolidation for the most part. Watson asks what the chances of someone campaigning against the consolidation vote. Pender states he thinks there is a 20 % chance. Hertel states he thinks there is a 10-20% chance but that the educational campaign will help offset that.</p> <p>He continues to say that the districts can hire CDRI to help with marketing. Moore states that CDRI anticipated a 50/50 vote from the public for West Valley's levy and the final vote passed by 60%. Watson asks if there is a way to get the number of voters. This is confirmed. Pender states that there may be a potentially a low number of voters since it is not a presidential election year.</p> <p>Moore states that the fires will be fresh in people's minds. Hertel agrees and adds that COVID-19 and all the progress with new stations being ready by then will also be fresh in people's minds. Watson asks if it is West valley's intent to contract back with the combined district. Hertel states they do not have a clear picture of where they want to go yet. That is the goal of the Dec 4th meeting.</p> <p>Davis states that when Polk 1 was formed their board was comprised of 3 board members from specific zones and 2 at large to ensure complete representation, maybe West Valley should consider this since their district covers more than one community.</p> <p>Watson states that he thinks West Valley following after the fact will make SFD &amp; SWP combining easier. Pender suggest that maybe a maybe 7-member board would be better once there is more area covered. Hertel informs the group that the ORS allows for only a 5-member board.</p> <p>Watson asks if the districts on track based on the plan passed out last meeting. Hertel confirms this and states that the next step is to determine a chief petitioner</p>

	<p>for each district. This person cannot be a staff member. Aboard member could volunteer but doesn't have to be. That person collects signatures to get it on ballot. Keith Moore volunteers for SW Polk.</p> <p>Hertel Plans to bring CDRI rep to December meeting to help develop a statements intent to move forward with. Pender that statement is key and will vary with each district/Population. He also states that the ASA will need to be clearly defined to ensure it is clear we are not trying to change ASA.</p> <p>Watson asks what happens to the bond? Hertel shares that there are many options that will be discussed when making the debt distribution plan. One option would be giving apparatus to Sheridan to offset the bond. And spread the bond out across whole district. Additionally, service increase will help justify that distribution.</p> <p>Moore asks what debt does Sheridan have? Hertel states Sheridan has no debt but they cannot afford replacement of apparatus.</p> <p>Watson asks for clarification of what Lexipol policies cover. Hertel states that Lexipol covers most policies and Board policies need to be added for a complete set of policies.</p> <p>Watson states that there is a need to get other boards to pinpoint the true issues to be able to resolve issues. For example, statements like "We are moving too fast." but not giving actual tasks or "the public says..." but not who so we cannot educate.</p> <p>Watson wants to ensure sustainability in case the consolidation does not pass this round.</p> <p>Watson expresses concern about gap between concrete and siding at the new Rickreall station. Moore asks if the concrete levels the same as the civil drawings. If not, why? Hertel states he is looking into these issues.</p>
<b>Adjournment</b>	Meeting adjourned at 5:43 PM.

Action Items/Items for Follow-Up		
Deliverable	Responsible Party	Timeline

Upcoming meetings/events:

- 12-10-2020 Joint Board Meeting

Board packet and handouts included:

- Agenda

In our Board Meetings, we agree to...

- Begin and conclude meetings on time
- Be on time and come prepared to participate
- Be respectful, including:
  - Keeping our cell phones silent
  - Listening without interrupting when someone else is speaking
  - Allowing for all to contribute to the discussion
  - Honoring the Chair
- Follow Robert's Rules of Order for parliamentary procedures
- Honor confidentiality
- Have fun!