

SW Polk Fire District

Workshop Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2023 – 15455 Salt Creek Rd. Dallas, OR 97338

Board Members Present	Board Members Absent
SW Polk Fire District Frank Pender Rod Watson Bob Davis (V) Keith Moore Vacant Position	None
	Administration Present
	Fred Hertel Scott Magers Christine Talley

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

GENERAL BUSINESS		
Call to Order		President Rod Watson opens the meeting at 5:08 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 is recited.
Roll Call		Christine Talley calls roll as delineated above.
Volunteer Handbook	Discussion	<p>The board reviews suggested changes to the volunteer handbook.</p> <p>Discussion regarding leaving the Deputy Chief as the point of contact regarding certain issues for the volunteers. Hertel states the Deputy Chief has the training to deal with a variety of legal issues. Moore expresses support for keeping the Deputy Chief involved, stating it allows conversation between staff and volunteers. Watson states he’s sensitive to the volunteers’ concern regarding feeling left out.</p> <p>Discussion regarding by-laws in the volunteer handbook. Hertel states the by-Laws are a policy of the organization and cannot be changed except by the Board of Directors (BOD).</p> <p>Discussion of having volunteer officers as part of the volunteer review board. Hertel states the Association President is already that representative and does not recommend making a change.</p> <p>Hertel recommends removing the voting power of Legacy Members (members with 10 years of good standing but no longer wish to be a regular member).</p> <p>Rod Watson closes the workshop at 6:10 p.m. to commence the regular board meeting.</p>
Regional Training Center		<p>Rod Watson reopens the workshop at 7:20 p.m.</p> <p>Hertel introduces an email from Brian Latta in response to the BOD’s proposal of a joint training facility with Dallas Fire & EMS. He explains that staff has drafted an email in response to Latta’s questions and it’s up to the BOD to approve.</p> <p>Discussion of the benefit of cost reduction since SW Polk already has some of their facilities developed and of the viability of a training area.</p>

		<p>Chief Hertel explains that firefighters will need a place to train, and what staff is attempting to complete as a standalone facility is fairly simple. Discussion of budgeted amount in training.</p> <p>Hertel asks for direction from the board. Moore expresses optimism that the City of Dallas is willing to have a conversation. He suggests they offer help, but would be happy if SW Polk ended up with a modest facility that would provide training for their staff.</p>
Director Comments	Discussion	None
Meeting Adjournment		Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm

Upcoming meetings/events:

- Jan. 12th Regular Meeting

Board packet and handouts included:

- Volunteer Handbook
- Regional Training Center Response Letter