**WAMIC RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**MARCH 15, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Warren at 10:04am.

Board members present: Larry Warren, Neil Senger, John Creel, John Ickes and Cindy Koch.

Members of the audience: Merle Hlvaka, Bill Aarnio, Tim Ackler, Larry Magill, Jamie Magill, Greg Weast, Scotti Boettner and Craig Secanti

Minutes of the last meeting on February 15, 2025: Larry Magill had two corrections to these minutes. Under Status of vehicles, P81 is now in service. Also, under the SDAO safety grant (page 2) the 3 addition cameras are for the Fire Station. A motion was made to accept these minutes, after corrections have been made, by Neil Senger. Motion seconded by John Creel. Motion to accept these minutes after amended was approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

TREASURERS REPORT: Not available, per Jamie Magill. Still working out bank issues.

CHIEF’S REPORT:

Status of vehicles: C510 (Durango) Speed sensor went out. Repairs to be made.

557 drafting capabilities updated.

EMS: 34 calls received as of this meeting date. This is double the number from this time last year.

There was a single wide structural fire. Building was a total loss.

Training: ISO rating – DPSST we need certified officers.

We have 2 new trainees, and 8 that have been in training are now certified. We have one new firefighter application. Nathan will be our Structural firefighter. We will also have an additional ambulance driver soon.

Communications: The fire department is running low on radios. We may be able to secure some from other fire departments that are changing their communication system.

A radio has been installed under the mailbox at the Fire Station, so it can be heard outside the building now also.

Pending Grants or Open Grants:

Oregon State Fire Marshall – active

FEMA building grant: Active

Wildfire Mitigation: Approved

CWGD– approved.

Greg Weast is part of The Dalles Community Action Team. He goes to Washington DC twice a year to participate in this team. Greg advised us that funding for any grants, even those already approved may not be funded now. The CWGD grant may not be funded. The ODF and Forest Service will be fully staffed as it was last year.

Larry Magill and John Creel will be having a phone conversation on March 18th to discuss these funding issues with Greg Smith, State Representative.

Preparedness for Emergencies:

Starlink to be installed with 3 cameras also. The installer has been called.

Maps for our county (Wasco) and Sheridan County are still in the works. They intend to show all Air B & B’s, and Zillow. The instructions for evacuations and what can be burned when and where would be defined. There would be a pamphlet in each unit to advise tenants of the rules. Also, signage to be prepared to be posted with this information in Community locations.

Insurance Review: Larry Magill and Larry Warren get together to review this.

IT WAS DISCUSSED, ESPECIALLY SINCE GRANT FUNDING MAY OR MAY NOT HAPPEN, IS THAT WE NEED TO BECOME SKILLED NEIGHBORS HELPING EACH OTHER. WE NEED TO HAVE OPEN COMMUNICATION WITH EACH OTHER. ALSO, WE NEED FIRE DEPARTMENT MUTUAL AID WITH OUR NEIGHBORS. WE BELIEVE OSHA WILL HELP US WITH THIS TRAINING.

OUR MAY BOARD MEETING WILL BE AT THE FIRE HALL, DUE TO A WEDDING RECEPTION AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER ON MAY 17, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at: 10:49am.

Minutes prepared and submittef by Cindy Koch