**WAMIC RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**May 17, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Warren at 10:03am.

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

Members of the audience: Scotti Boettner, Greg Weast, Larry Magill, Jamie Magill, John Goleman, Mike Richards, Diana Richards and Merle Hlvaka.

Minutes of the Board Meeting of April 19, 2025: One correction is to be made: under the section ‘Additional information from the Chief, first paragraph’ Last sentence to be removed. Motion was made with this correction to accept these minutes by John Ickes. Motion seconded by John Creel. Motion to accept these minutes was approved**.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**TREASURER’S REPORT**: See attached Profit and Loss statement for April 2025 and Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2025.

**CHIEF’S REPORT:**

**Status of vehicles for repair or sale**: The red dually truck that was going to be used for securing our defensible space will no longer be necessary. The fire department will be preparing it for sale, estimated value 10-12K, for an after July 1st sale.

The 6 x 6 is still at Camp Witacom for its maintenance and for minor repairs. It should be completed and returned to the fire department very soon.

**Oregon State Chief’s Conference**: Chief Larry Magill attended this three-day event. One take-a-way, the extension of the salary grants is uncertain at this time.

**ASA (Ambulance Service Area)** contract expired May 1st, 2025, but this contract has been extended so that it could be further discussed with the County Commissioners.

**Training every Monday**: Training continues with alternate Mondays, one for Fire training and one for EMS training, etc., throughout the month. A special 2–3-hour class for “gas training” is scheduled for May 19th and will be held in the fire station parking area.

**Communications:** The fire department needs more pagers, but this is not an urgent need, and the budget will be the deciding factor in the timing of this purchase.

**Safety**: Nothing reported.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Grants pending or open:**

Oregon State Fire Marshall – active

FEMA – building grant – active

**EMS and fire coverage for our district:**

Preparedness for emergencies, high wind wildfire, Starlink, comms, evacuation routes, communication with residents and visitors (how do we get the word out and how fast can it be accomplished) is all in progress, and the plan is to have a plan in place by this June.

**NEW BUSINESS**:

**2025/26 Budget meeting** to be held at the Wamic Community Center May 20th at 6pm.

**Tax Committee meeting** to be held at the Wamic Community Center on June 10th at 6pm.

**Insurance Review** based on information received from our agent and forwarded to the board members: Still under review.

**READER BOARD**: It was discussed how important having a reader board would be for both the Community Center and the Fire Station. Cost and type of reader boards are under investigation.

**BURN PERMITS**: Next year, these permits will be issued by our Fire Department for residents in our district. There may be a fee for these permits.

**Wasco County Strong Meeting** (involving both County and State) will be held Friday May 23rd, from 10am to 2pm at the Maupin High School.

Meeting adjourned at 10:43am

Minutes prepared and submitted by Cindy Koch.