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## **April 10, 2024 Lake Grove Fire District Monthly General Board Meeting Minutes**

Board President Grant Howell called the General Board meeting to order at 5:38 pm via Google Meet and held in person at Main Fire Station (214) in Downtown Lake Oswego.

### **In Attendance:**

Grant Howell, Allen Patterson, Sherry Patterson, Jon Harrell, Jen Plett, Tom Hinkle, Dan Taylor, Allen Jameson, Lisa Hilker, Greg Espinoza, Luke Lappin, Fire Chief Don Johnson, Michelle Cushing

### **Business:**

1. The Board reviewed the agenda for tonight's meeting.
2. The Board reviewed the minutes from the General Board meeting on March 13, 2024.
  - a. Allen moved to approve the minutes; Sherry seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously**
3. Fire Chief's Report - Fire Chief Don Johnson joined the meeting tonight.
  - a. The Spring Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class started earlier in April. There are 23 participants in this 8-week class. The final class is Tuesday May 14.
  - b. The Fire Chief reported that community members' perceptions of Lake Oswego were among the highest compared to other local municipalities surveyed nationwide. 98% of residents rated the overall quality of life in Lake Oswego as excellent or good, and 97% of survey respondents view the City as an excellent or good place to live. One of the capital projects the survey respondents mentioned was to remodel the South Shore Fire Station (Station 212) to meet earthquake building standards. Station 212 is the oldest of the four Lake Oswego Fire Stations still in active service. Built in 1971, the station is not up to earthquake building codes nor does it have adequate gender-specific accommodations. Also, with all the urban growth south of this fire station, the City wants to investigate the best location for a station. The City does own the vacant property directly east of the existing station.
  - c. The Lake Oswego Fire Department (LOFD) hired 2 new Firefighters: one male and one female. There were over 130 applicants for these 2 positions. LOFD plans to start the 10-week fire academy on Monday, April 15 and the employees will be ready to be assigned to their shifts by summer.
  - d. LOFD purchased a thermal imaging drone. The drone will be housed with LOFD rather than the City to enable rapid deployment. The drone allows ground teams to quickly assess a scene. Firefighters are able to prioritize response and map fire boundaries as the drone captures high-resolution thermal images or videos. The drone can see through smoke to locate trapped people, aid in search and rescue, urban or wildland firefighting, and detect hot spots.

- e. LOFD invited the Board and Michelle to join them for a tour and lunch at the South Shore Fire Station. Allen and Sherry will go on Thursday, April 11 and Grant, Jon and Michelle will go on Tuesday, April 23. Board goals for fiscal year 2023-2024 were not discussed due to the Budget Committee meeting. Board goals will be discussed next month.
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5. Financial Report
  - a. The Board reviewed the monthly financial report.
    - i. Jon moved to pay the bills as presented; Sherry seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**
  - b. Neither bank statement had not been received for March 31, 2024. At the next Board meeting on May 15, they will be reviewed and approved.
6. Safety Update
  - a. Grant asked the Board members present if they were aware of any safety issues and the response was no.

The Board meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.