

APPLEGATE VALLEY RFPD #9 BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

June 9, 2023

Training Building, 1095 Upper Applegate Rd., Jacksonville, OR 97530
and Conference Call



1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Board Meeting called to order by Rob Underwood.
TIME: 9:26 AM

2.0 ROLL CALL

PRESENT: President Rob Underwood, Vice President Doug Stewart, Director Jeff Hoxsey, Director DeSimone

ABSENT:
Director Craig Hamm

OTHER STAFF & INVITED SPEAKERS: Chris Wolfard (*Interim Fire Chief*), Cody Goodnough (*Interim Operations Chief*), Mike Blaschka (*Board Director Elect*)

TECHNICAL INTERVIEW PANEL:

Dick Whipple (*Mercy Flights*), Rick Vetter (*Williams Fire*), John Holmes (*IV Fire*), Austin Prince (*Rural Metro*), Tom Davidson (*Evans Valley Fire*), Ron Emery (*SDAO*)

Rob Underwood called for an intermission at 8:27 am for the technical panel to conduct an interview with the fire chief candidate.

The Board reconvened at 10:06 am

3.0 NEW BUSINESS

Interview Fire Chief Candidate

The Board and Board Director Elect, Mike Blaschka interviewed Chief Wolfard for the position of Fire Chief.

4.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

ORS 192.660(2)(a) - To consider the employment of an officer, employee, staff member or agent.

The board went into executive session at 11:12 am

The board meeting was reconvened at 11:52 am

Public Comment

Chief Goodnough spoke on behalf of the Union to show support for moving Chief Wolfard into the permanent fire chief position.

Chief Holmes expressed that Chief Wolfard meets and exceeds the criteria for becoming the fire chief for Applegate.

Chief Vetter shared the great working relationship that Williams and Applegate have.

Chief Prince recommended that the board hire Chief Wolfard as fire chief.

Chief Davidson expressed that Chief Wolfard is one of his mentors and recommends the hiring him.

Fire Chief Hiring Determination

- **MOTION:** Gary DeSimone moved to tentatively offer the fire chief position to Chief Wolfard pending a criminal background and successful contract negotiation. Doug Stewart seconded the motion.

Motion carries as follows.

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- **MOTION:** Gary DeSimone moved to appoint Rob Underwood and Doug Stewart to work with legal counsel and negotiate a contract with Chief Wolfard. Jeff Hoxsey seconded the motion.

Motion carries as follows.

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Chief Wolfard accepted the tentative offer contingent on a successful background and contract negotiation.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

Rob Underwood adjourned the meeting 12:04 pm.

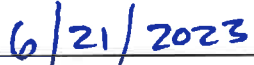
The next scheduled Board meeting will be held Wednesday, June 21, 2023 @ 4 pm. Training Building 1095 Upper Applegate Rd.

Minutes Submitted by Tallie Jackson

Office Manager

Approved By:


Board Secretary/Treasurer


Date

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