

**SOUTH GILLIAM COUNTY RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NO. VI-301
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

DATE: March 11, 2021
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: South Gilliam County Emergency Services Building
PRESENT: Jeff Schott – President
Doug Potter – Member
Eric Harrison - Member

A quorum of the board was established.

Excused: Jeff Kersey
Roger Lyda

Greg Smith – Fire Chief
Laci Olsen – Fire Services Coordinator
Shannon Coppock – Executive Secretary

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Minutes:

A motion was made by Doug Potter to approve the January 2021 minutes as mailed. Eric Harrison seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Financials:

Eric Harrison made a motion to accept the financial reports for the 2020-2021 fiscal year through March 11, 2021 for South Gilliam County RFPD and Gilliam County Fire Services as presented. Doug Potter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

1. Lonerock Building:

The board discussed a change in price and giving the property to the City of Lonerock after determining the property was donated to the fire district by Alma Campbell with the desire that the property continue to have a fire station on it. Alma's heirs have donated the land to the fire district with no restrictions except the stipulation that the land be donated to the City of Lonerock if the building is sold to the city.

Eric Harrison made a motion to offer the building to the City of Lonerock for \$18,000.00. The land is valued at \$2870.00 and the board agreed to take \$3000.00 off the original agreement of \$21,000.00. Doug Potter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. IGA: There has been a decision to form an ORS 190 agreement between the entities forming Gilliam County Fire Services. This would mean some changes to the fire district's budget. The agreement will be forwarded to all entities involved. This means that Gilliam County Fire Services will have their own budget, tax identification number, and the fire services board will be signers on the checks.

Shannon Coppock mentioned that it would be a much simpler budget process for the fire district if the ORS 190 were to start at the beginning of a budget year rather than during the course of the year. The board agreed.

New Business: NA

Miscellaneous:

Fire Chief's Report:

1. Starting vehicle maintenance next week.

Fire Services Coordinator Report:

1. Calls

South Gilliam has responded to two calls on January 28, 2021. One was a false fire alarm at the high school. They were doing maintenance on the alarm system. The second was a burn barrel behind Point S that was not called in.

There was one call that was not responded to on February 11, it was a false alarm.

2. Current Training

We are back in a good training routine and starting to get a better turn out at weekly trainings. The past month we have been working on SCBA skills and Search and Rescue training. Crews have practiced carrying/dragging each other out of a building, practiced crawling through tight spaces with their SCBA, and spent two training nights blacked out in a search and rescue drill which went very well.

We are moving into extrication training. We have had two classes so far. One classroom, another familiarizing ourselves with our rescue truck and the extrication tools.

Next week we plan to do extrication on a car that has been donated.

3. Resources

I submitted the AFG grant requesting 73,000 for new Scott SCBAs, we should have an answer by May,

OSFM just releases a WUI Grant application I have applied for \$200,000 in hopes of getting a replacement tender! They said communities affected by the 2020 fires would be a priority but any fire agency can apply. It is Due March 15.

Yamhill fire approved donation of their Scott SCBAS. These are a 2002 Edition pack and we will still need to replace the bottles. I picked them up a couple weeks ago. I have a grant in for bottles and will also apply for the county special projects grant if needed.

4. Volunteers

We had one new prospect for volunteer come to our training last week. They participated with the search and rescue and did very well. I am waiting to get the application returned to me.

Jim Hinton Resigned the end of February from the fire district.

Dakota Smith joined the fire department and already has her wildland class done.

5. North Central Public health came out February 4 and completed the second round of Covid Vaccines.
6. I replaced the batteries on the Humvee.
7. Active 911 is due to be renewed. I have printed a list of names of personnel
8. There have been many folks reaching out asking about SB590 and how it will apply to our county. It will not affect our county as we are already fully covered with fire protection and an RFPA cannot be formed where there is currently fire protection. It is encouraged that folks wanting to create a RFPA, just join the local fire district. The training, PPE and available equipment is the same as would be available for an RFPA. I will meet with Jordan Maleys group prior to fire season about this and also discuss the option of a programmable Bofang radio for those that are interested in purchasing them for communication with the fire department.

Executive Secretary:

1. Financials: We will need to have a motion to approve the financial review at the next meeting.
2. A budget calendar was presented to the board. Eric Harrison made a motion to accept the budget calendar as presented. Doug Potter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Director comments: No comments

The meeting adjourned at 6.55 p.m.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE APRIL 8, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.
SOUTH GILLIAM COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES BUILDING**