

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

DATE: April 15, 2021
TIME: 7:00 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 7:05 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Minutes:

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

Financials:

Eric Harrison made a motion to accept the financial reports for the 2020-2021 fiscal year through April 15, 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 by consensus decided that they did not want to accept the offer of \$5,000.00 made by the City of Lonerock for the building. The board said the asking price for the building is \$18,000.00. They agreed to rent the building to the City of Lonerock for \$150.00 per month. If the City of Lonerock doesn't want to rent the building, they need to remove their truck and we will store a truck there.
2. IGA: We have had direction from the attorney about the steps to form the ORS 190. There are several steps to enacting an ordinance. The accountant suggested starting the ORS 190 on January 1, 2022.

3. Eric Harrison made a motion to approve the June 30, 2020 financial review. Doug Potter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

New Business: NA

Miscellaneous:

Fire Chief's Report:

1. It's been awfully quiet.
2. There has been one lift assist call.
3. Greg has been doing vehicle maintenance.
4. Brakes are getting redone on Brush 3.
5. Trying to get everything ready for fire season.

Fire Services Coordinator Report:

1. Calls

Since March South Gilliam has responded to one call for a lift assist on April 8.

2. Current Training

We finished up our extrication training the end of March and have now completed our annual wildland refresher. Offering it two separate nights. Next week we will work on our diver's rodeo refresher and then move into CPR First aid for our crew. We have one wildland firefighter that still needs his but he has been working out of state and will schedule it when he gets back.

Shannon and I will be teaching the wildland class here in Condon end of April first of May. So far, we have 5 signed up for the class.

3. Resources

Spoke with Mitch Griffith today and he has offered his services as a dozer operator. He has his own dozer for fighting fires and has completed the wildland training and does his refresher every year.

Special Projects grant opens today and I will get it submitted next week for the 20 SCBA bottles and hopefully be able to put our Yamhill packs in service.

Brush 3 is getting front and rear brakes this weekend

4. Volunteers

16 volunteers on the roster and working on getting some more hopefully through this wildland class.

5. Misc.

The SWCD has submitted a request for a drought declaration for Gilliam County. I spoke with Herb to ask more of the specifics. He said we have had less than 30% of our typical moisture. Last year they put a drought declaration into effect but that wasn't until MAY. There are places in Oregon that are already at a D4 level- which has only happened this early one other time since 2000 and that was in 2004.

I went to the City of Condon's last meeting and was able to share about what we have been up to this year, and showed them our SCBA packs from Yamhill as well as our thermal imaging camera.

Executive Secretary:

1. The board agreed to amend the budget calendar to have the budget committee meeting on May 20, 2021.

Director comments: No comments

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE MAY 20, 2021 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
THE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING AT 6:30 P.M.
SOUTH GILLIAM COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES BUILDING**

Jeff Schott – Board President

Shannon Coppock – Executive Secretary