

MINUTES

Present:	Charlie Chase, Bryan Hawkins, Mike Jones, Janet Lancaster, Dave Matthews, John Maupin, Richard Wharton, Jeff Wolf, Dorothy Yetter, Austin Prince – Rural Metro, Mike McLaughlin– Fire Defense Board Chief, Commissioner, Sara Rubrecht – Staff, Annette Sorensen - Staff
Absent:	Scott Blower, Vivian Kirkpatrick-Pilger, Harry Mackin Rick McClintock Darin Fowler – BCC Liaison Dan Trader, - County Fire, Mariana Ruiz-Temple – Oregon State Fire Marshal, Charlie
Public Attendees:	Malcom
Recorder	Annette Sorensen

1. Call to Order

Chair Wharton called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Roll call taken by Annette Sorensen

3. Approval of Minutes from 3/10/20

Charlie Chase made a motion to approve the minutes, Mike Jones seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Approval of the minutes passed unanimously.

1. Recommendation to the Board to Accept or Reject RFQ Application from Public Consulting Group and Forward Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners

The group discussed the feedback given by some committee members regarding the RFQ. Jeff Wolf was concerned that the cost of this consultant would be very high.

There was also discussion about the need for a feasibility study, having the public lobby the commissioners and putting this on the ballot this November.

Dorothy Yetter made a motion to *Consider the Public Consulting Group response to the RFQ as qualified and recommend to the County Board of Commissioners that they contract with the Public Consulting Group only to write the feasibility Study needed to place a Fire Protection District on the Ballot, preferably on the November 2020 ballot.* John Maupin seconded the motion.

Discussion – Jeff Wolf stated that the consulting group has given no input as to what the feasibility study cost would be. John Maupin recommend that they assist it be done in time to be on the November ballot. Janet Lancaster agreed and said they could edit the RFQ and send it to the consulting company that did the fire district study for the City of Grants Pass and see if they want to put a bid in for consulting. Chair Wharton reminded the group that these items are the purview of the Board. Dorothy Yetter also added that if we put this out to bid again, RFQ's are asking for qualifications and the Board can negotiate. Jeff Wolf added that they could decline Public Consulting Groups offer and authorize a feasibility study and the Commissioners could contract with Public Consulting Group to vet a feasibility study.

Chair Wharton reminded the group that the task of the group was to accept or reject Public Consulting Group as an entity for the Board to work with.

John Maupin withdrew his second to give Dorothy Yetter and opportunity to revise the motion.

Charlie Chase seconded the original motion. Dorothy was considering revising the motion.

Dorothy Yetter amended the motion to *Consider the Public Consulting Groups response to an RFQ as qualified and recommend to the County Board of Commissioners that they contract with Public Consulting Group only to write the feasibility study for a maximum cost of \$50,000 and to place a fire protection district on the November 2020 ballot.* Charlie Chase seconded the motion.

No comments or questions from the committee.

Annette Sorensen called the roll for the motion:

Charlie Chase – approve; Bryan Hawkins – approve; Mike Jones – abstain; Janet Lancaster– approve; Dave Mathews. – abstain; John Maupin – approve; Jeff Wolf – approve; Dorothy Yetter – approve

The motion carries with 6 approvals and 2 abstentions.

4. Standards Status Report from Dave Mathews

Dave Mathews is working on the standards and made some adjustments. It was sent to the committee by Annette during the meeting.

5. Ex Officio Member Update

6. BCC Liaison Report

Not present

7. Comments from Committee Members

Sara Rubrecht updated the group regarding the COVID-19 Emergency Operation Management.

John Maupin asked Chair Wharton to check with the Board liaison about the future charge of the committee.

Dorothy asked that the standards be discussed at the next meeting, moving towards a vote and acceptance.

Next meeting tentatively 4/28/20.

Meeting adjourned 6:23 p.m.