

**JOSEPHINE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION
COMMITTEE**

June 23, 2020

3:00 p.m.

*Zoom/EOC Hybrid Meeting
250 Tech Way, Merlin, OR*

MINUTES

Present:	Scott Blower, Bryan Hawkins, Janet Lancaster, John Maupin, Rick McClintock, Richard Wharton, Jeff Wolf, Dorothy Yetter, Austin Prince -Rural Metro, Mike Shaw Oregon State Fire Marshal, Commissioner Fowler – Liaison, Sara Rubrecht – Staff, Annette Sorensen – Staff.
Absent:	Charlie Chase, Mike Jones, Harry Mackin, Dave Mathews, Jason Folkstad- Co. Fire, Dave Larson, - ODF, Mike McLaughlin – Fire Defense Board Chief
Public Attendees:	
Recorder	Annette Sorensen

1. Call to Order

Chair Wharton called the meeting to order 3:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Roll call taken by Annette Sorensen

3. Approval of Minutes of 5/27/20, 6/3/20 & 6/10/20

John Maupin made a motion to approve the minutes, Rick McClintock seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken.

Approved: Bryan Hawkins, John Maupin, Rick McClintock, Richard Wharton, Jeff Wolf and Dorothy Yetter

Abstained: Janet Lancaster

4. Member Status

Annette reported that member Harry Mackin updated the group that he is still ill.

5. Status Update

- Standards

The Standards as well as Legal Counsel's memo are going to a BCC meeting tomorrow. Chair Wharton provided a reference that County Fire had no objections to the standards but requested time for his entity's implementation.

- Contract

Annette updated the group she has been in contact with consultant, Public Consulting Group (PCG) and they would like to meet with staff prior to meeting with the committee and other stakeholders. The Kick-off meeting with staff on Monday. They were given the timeline that was produced by Legal as reference of time needed for each process. Annette answered Janet's questions that the meeting is being initiated by PCG.

6. Letter to Chairman Wharton Discussion

Chair Wharton explained to the group in regard to a letter he received from a committee member, that there is no legal requirement for these meetings to be recorded and they are too large to upload to the website. However, Annette has offered to upload to people's thumb drives. Chair Wharton explained that minutes

have been completed as time has allowed. The BCC will need to decide if they elect to go for a district what properties that will include. When those decisions have been made, a boundary map can be created. Chair Wharton also explained he supports anyone that feels they to take legal action, but is difficult to under the threat of legal action by a committee member. He also said that the committee serves at the pleasure of the BCC and decisions must be made by the BCC.

Janet responded that she has not been able to get the meeting information she requested from Annette and was unaware that boundaries was put on hold. She does not feel she is slowing momentum and is concerned about selective enforcement with committee attendance.

John Maupin asked who would work on boundaries in the future if needed. Chair Wharton said Annette has the information to work on that if the BCC decides it is a priority and there will not be additional work for the committee on boundaries unless the BCC directs them.

Dorothy added points about Zoom meetings and records and the litigation threat has to do with public records.

Annette responded that the information Janet has requested has been given out and meetings can be recorded by committee members if they choose.

7. Matters from Committee Members

No updates reported

8. Ex Officio Member Update

Chair Wharton shared that he received information from Mike Shaw that Zone 2 has been used in Oregon three times. The last time was in the 1970's.

9. BCC Liaison Report

Commissioner Fowler wanted to thank the committee members that have met with him on a one-on-one basis. He would invite others to do the same. He appreciates the patience of the committee to wait while the consultants get their feet on the ground. Commissioner Fowler is committed to the timeline to try and have something ready and have professionally presented to the public for the May ballot if the other two Commissioners agree.

He answered the Chairs questions about asking how long it will take to do a boundary map and will discuss with the consultant. He would also like to get input from the other Commissioners.

Meeting ended at 3:32 p.m.

WORKSHOP –

Workshop began 3:32 p.m.

- Alternatives

It was determined that the committee add to Status Quo to provide a better description if this is needed for public information or the consultant's use. Dorothy modified the Pros and Cons for Status Quo and options effected by those modifications in the Alternative Analysis with input and discussion from the group. Pro's and Con's for Fire District and Annexation options also discussed and revised.

Transitions discussion to help identify problems will require a different workshop.

- Principles of Agreement
Not Discussed

Meeting adjourned 5:03 p.m. The next meeting scheduled the Marie Hill Conf. Room on 7/7.