

Tangent Rural Fire Protection District
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes for January 10, 2024

Board Members Present:	Chris Meyer, Paul Strombeck, Scott Richards, John Dunn,
Staff Present:	FC Griffin, ACI AFC Chapin, OA Conrad
Volunteer Association:	President Dan Taylor
Citizens:	None
Connected to Teams:	Bruce Riley

I. CALL MEEING TO ORDER: President Meyer

Meyer called the meeting to ordered at 7:01 p.m.

II. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

None

III. APPROVAL OF:

A. Minutes: Board Meeting December 13,2023

Action: Strombeck moved to approve the December 13, 2023; minutes as submitted.
Dunn seconded the motion. Upon vote, it passed unanimously, (5-0)

B. FINANCIAL REPPORT: December 2023

Action: Richards moved to approve the December 2023; financial report as submitted.
Riley seconded the motion. Upon vote, it passed unanimously, (5-0)

IV. STANDING REPORTS

A. VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION: Taylor

Nothing to report. Starting paperwork for next year.

Dunn would like to purchase a brisket, have Taylor use the volunteers' smoker and have a get together with the volunteers' families. Taylor will work with Dunn to come up with a date.

B. FIRE CHIEF: Griffin

(The following is the Chief's written report as well as added comments made at the meeting)

Emergency Calls:

Wall/Flue Fire on Swank

Haz-Mat Selmet – Alcohol leak released into a room that is designed for this issue. ORCS and DEQ were called. We now have a good working relationship with Selmet.

Meetings:

Tuesday night drills

Safety committee

Officer meeting

2522 task force, OSFM

Tangent City Council

DPSST Fire Program manager is retiring.

Linn Fire Defense Board took the month off.

Correspondence:

Still working on the 195 agreement with Linn County – No progress. Our goal is to have Linn County to work with us as a partner. There is an ORS which states how we should be interacting together, but they are not. This is not an issue that is unique to Tangent; this is happening all over the state with Rural Fire Districts.

Received the Dispatch/IT services contract from Linn County

All set for AC Vonasek's retirement party.

Operations/Equipment/Facility:

New SCBA's are in

NWNG telemetry station is almost complete.

New upstairs window is installed / all electrical fixes completed.

UST decommissioning and overhead fill are next on the list.

Training:

Possible Spring BTL on Tangent Drive

The training program continues to improve.

Other:

New challenge coins – not many left in stock.

Preparing for Awards Banquet

Starting to plan for the next budget process.

C. ACI ASST. CHIEF: Chapin

(The following is the ACI Asst. Chief's written report as well as added comments made at the meeting)

Meetings Attended:

- Staff Meetings
- Volunteer/Student Interviews
- Ellingson Rd – Construction has moved into the 2nd phase. TRFPD will access Ellingson Rd from Hwy 99E. Columbus access is closed.
- FM/BO meeting
- Training Committee
- Vacation (December 25th-31st)

Fire Inspections- All site plans were gone through. Discarded the ones that were no longer relevant. Code research for some local business. Discussed fire inspection program and putting businesses on a rotation.

Equipment- Durango had oil change. BC-71 oil change and spark plugs/coil packs done. E-72 had pump operation switch and pressure relief valve repaired. E-72 mobile radio was replaced. WT-73 control screen for pump was replaced.

SCBA's have arrived and will be put into service by the end of January. Missing 1 bottle but should be here soon.

Researched on a light rescue.

Training- Working with volunteers on driver training. We worked on multi-company drills, in areas of search and rescue, fire attack.

Total Personnel Training Hours:

- Fire Suppression 178 hours (includes fire academy)
- EMS 36 hours
- Driver/AO 51 hours
- Fire Prevention 1 hour

○ **Total hours 266**

SOG's- Pushed out two SOG's to the volunteers. I have been working on developing incident communication and structural operation SOG's.

V. ACTIVITY REPORT:

Total YTD call are 432. This is a decrease of 11 calls from 2022, increase of 16 from 2021, increase of 108 from 2020 and up 5 calls from last month.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Wavier and Release of Liability Form – Griffin

The Wavier and Release of Liability Form was reviewed by the Board. This was shared from OFDDA and had been reviewed by their attorneys.

B. Ellingson Farm Subdivision – Griffin

The properties on the southside of the are being developed now and the next phase will be the northside. This is now in Albany's area since it was annexed.

City of Tangent is working on a Strategic Plan.

C. Retirement Celebration – Griffin

Turnout for the party was great. Vonasek put a thank you on Facebook. It was a great effort. January 17 will be his last day.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Light Rescue Truck

Getting apparatus out the door is an issue because of lack of engine drivers; they must be able to also pump. This light rescue only needs an NFD driver certificate.

The Ford 6.7L 330 HP Diesel is \$175,000; mileage 16,070 with new engine, Add-ons: compressed foam is an additional \$21,875, paint job \$5000.00, Radio \$3086.79

We will not add the Cascade system (this fills compressed air for the bottles; we can purchase many more bottles for the \$25,000 extra). This cost was more than expected.

Total cost \$204,961.79.

Strombeck questions the new engine in a truck with 16,070 miles. Chapin replied, this year of motors could be good or bad. This one was bad, so it was replaced. This comes with two warranties, one for the truck and the other for the engine.

With further discussion, the Board decided it would be better to purchase a new Light Rescue Truck even with a cost of over \$300,000.

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- A. SDOA CONFERENCE: February 8-11, 2024, Seaside OR.
Meyer and Griffin are interested in attending. Chief will take care of the details of registering and hotels rooms.
- B. BOARD MEETING: February 14, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.
- C. AWARDS BANQUET: March 16, 2024 – Time TBD
Meyer wanted to the Chief to make sure to reach out to Albany for coverage that night. We want our volunteers and staff can enjoy the evening.
Looking for a Keynote speaker.

IX. Adjournment:

Meyer adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Denny Conrad.

Office Administrator

APPROVED BY:


Chris Meyer, President - Board of Directors


Date