

Mid Rogue Fire District Board Meeting: October 8, 2025

6:00 p.m. – In Person– Merlin Community Park - 100 Acorn Street, Merlin Oregon

Live Streamed at www.youtube.com/@JCRFPD

Rural Fire Protection District Attendance:

Directors Present: Mark Jones, Vincent Ownbey, Ralph Weidling, Tom McGowan

Members Absent: Vinny Ownbey – excused

Recorder: Kassie Austin

Guest Presenters: None

General Public: Steve Nelson, Rural Metro Fire, Tom Davidson

1. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.
- b. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Agenda

The board reviewed today's agenda items. *Director Weidling made a motion to approve the agenda as listed. The motion was seconded by Director McGowan. Upon roll call; Director Ownbey – excused, Director McGowan – yes, Director Hauser – yes, Director Weidling – yes, Director Jones – yes. Motion carried 4-0.*

3. Approval of Minutes

The board reviewed the meeting minutes for the date of September 22, 2025. *Director McGowan made a motion to approve the draft minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Weidling. Upon roll call; Director McGowan – yes, Director Hauser – yes, Director Weidling – yes, Director Ownbey – excused, and Director Jones – yes. Motion carried 4-0.*

4. Adjournment

The board adjourned the special meeting at 6:09 p.m. without objection.

5. Strategic Planning Workshop

Director Jones called the strategic planning meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

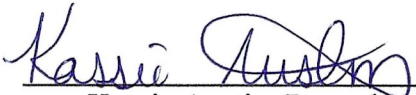
a. Discussion – staffing committee

Director McGowan discussed proposed amendments to the Fire Protection Agreement Amendment No. 1. Director McGowan and Director Hauser (The staffing committee) strongly recommended for the board to consider appointing a district director/fire chief that helps the district move forward. A draft job description for a Fire District Director was presented to the board to review and discuss. The staffing committee recommended that the board make the position the board's priority, as the district director could help assist with policies, and ordinances. Discussion was held regarding the salary in addition to the benefits of contracting with an individual. Director McGowan explained that with the district being a member with SDAO, that SDAO offers consultation services. This matter moves to the general meeting for discussion with the intent of a decision.

b. Planning Discussion

Director Jones spoke to the county assessor. If the board is looking for May 2027 at the rate of \$1.60 per 1000 assessed, the board would acquire 6.8 million in the first year.

The board without objection adjourned at 7:40 p.m.


Kassie Austin, Recorder