KLAMATH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #3

Board of Directors Emergency Meeting August 21, 2026
Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting was called to order at 8:00 am. by Mr. Mike DuBois, Vice President. Board members Mr. Mike DuBois, Ms. Sarah Herbert, and Ms. Carrie Giroux were present. Mr. Dan Hudson joined the meeting via Zoom. Also in attendance was Fire Chief Nate Hussey as well as several members of the community.

2. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on the cessation of the ambulance operations, and a loan from the Klamath County Finance Office.

3. **Chiefs Report:** Mr. Hussey provided information on the current status of the ambulance service and the issue of receiving payment of funds from Medicare/Medicaid. On those bills, we can count of roughly 15% and they are also slow paid. We are also owed approximately $45,000 to $50,000 in GEMT payments that has yet to be paid. That payment was due to us in mid-May. Unfortunately, we do not have the operating capital on the fire side to support the service. Discussion continued regarding the ambulance service and the costs associated with it, including associated payroll.

   Mr. Hussey also discussed the Wrights Spring Fire which caused our agency a significant amount of financial burden. He stated that there is a mechanism for us to do a cost recovery against this fire, however we will not see that money for a year. Due to the costs associated, fuel and payroll, with manning this fire, we will not have operating capitol until we receive tax monies in November or the GEMT funds are deposited, and if ambulance billings come in over the last 3-6 months.

   Mr. Hussey asked the Board for a vote on two issues. The first being to officially cease ambulance operations through District #3. The second is our authority for Mr. Hussey to pursue a loan against our incoming tax revenue through the County Tax Office. We would pay half of the loan this tax season and the remaining half next tax season. Mr. Hussey stated that we originally felt that $20,000 would suffice, however perhaps $30,000 would better meet our current needs.

   Mr. Dan Hudson made a motion to suspend ambulance service permanently. Ms. Carrie Giroux seconded the motion. Roll call was taken as follows: Dan Hudson, aye, Carrie Giroux, aye, Sarah Herbert, aye, Mike DuBois, aye. Motion passed 4-0.

   With regard to the AUP audit, they want bank statements for 2024-2025 from Chase Bank. Mr. Hudson is listed on their register as board member; however, he does not have signing authority. Therefore, the Board was asked to give Mr. Hudson permission to obtain past copies of their statements.

   Mr. Mike DuBois asked for a motion to authorize Dan Hudson to obtain bank statements from Chase Bank. Ms. Sarah Herbert made a motion to authorize Dan Hudson to personally go in to the bank and ask for the statements. Ms. Carrie Giroux seconded the motion. Roll call was taken as follows: Dan Hudson, aye, Carrie Giroux, aye, Sarah Herbert, aye, Mike DuBois, aye. Motion passed 4-0.

   Mr. Mike DuBois asked for a motion to authorize Mr. Nate Hussey to contact the County Finance Office and seek a short-term loan against taxes and that he asks for a $30,000 loan, replacing the original request of $20,000. Mr. Dan Hudson made a motion to authorize Mr. Nate Hussey to contact the

County Finance Office and seek a short-term loan against taxes and that he asks for a $30,000 loan, replacing the original request of $20,000. Ms. Sarah seconded the motion. Roll call was taken as follows: Dan Hudson, aye, Carrie Giroux, aye, Sarah Herbert, aye, Mike DuBois, aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Hussey stated that we are going through significant personnel upset over the past week. He therefore is naming Mr. Leon Spiesschaert as our Assistant Fire Chief effective immediately. Mr. Hussey also stated that he is tabling his departure as Fire Chief until our department settles back to normal and we are on solid ground.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Mike DuBois asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dan Hudson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 am. Sarah Herbert seconded the motion. Roll call was taken as follows: Roll call was taken as follows: Dan Hudson, aye, Carrie Giroux, aye, Sarah Herbert, aye, Mike DuBois, aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Carrie Giroux
Secretary/Treasurer