



Prospect Rural Fire Protection District Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting, May 19, 2025

Pam Lee called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Attending: Pam Lee, Clay Thomas, Lon Stockebrand, and Joyce Dierking
Also Attending: Fire Chief Lyle Neville and 11 other community members

Pam called for a moment of silence in memory of Bob Scott.

Approval of April minutes. Clay made a motion to accept, Lon seconded. Pam voted yes, Lon voted yes, Clay voted yes, Joyce voted yes. Motion passed.

Joyce read Bob Jones' financial report. Clay made a motion to accept this report, seconded by Pam. Pam voted yes, Lon voted yes, Clay voted yes, Joyce voted yes. Motion passed.

Lyle gave his Fire Department report. Chris King explained the swapping of two fire trucks. The water tender that Prospect RFPD previously owned has been repaired but will need some work for pumping water. However it is better suited for our department's use than one given to the department by Crater Lake. We will then have two water tenders. This will give us enough water for 2 hours at 250 gallons per minute.

In the event that the levy passes, the budget will need revisions to reflect additional funds. All five board members and the five community members on this committee need to come. In order to fill the board after Bob's passing, Pam suggested that we either appoint Mike Pearson or Gunner Gibson who were both vetted in March when they applied for Karen Wickman's position on the board. Lon nominated Mike Pearson to fill Bob Scott's position and Clay seconded. Pam voted yes, Lon voted yes, Clay voted yes, Joyce voted yes. Motion passed. Mike Pearson was sworn in.

Kris Gibson gave a seismic project update. Main structural work is complete.

The building is in good condition. Work is somewhat ahead of schedule. Doors and windows have been ordered.

Melissa Taylor gave a report on the Levy committee's work. She reported on all the Levy committee had done to get the \$1.39/thousand Levy passed. 27 meetings, 2 fliers, one response mailer, 4 fundraiser dinners, the Fireman Calendar. She thanked the levy members for their contributions. The board and community members present expressed their gratitude for all Melissa's work with a round of applause.

Pam brought up the Chief's Agreement and stated that it is an interim agreement that will be revisited by the board in a few months. Pam made a motion that we extend the Chief's Agreement which was presented at last month's meeting to our Fire Chief. Joyce seconded. Mike was given an opportunity to read it. Pam voted yes, Lon voted no, Clay voted no, Mike voted yes, Joyce voted yes. Motion passed.

Joyce brought up the idea of setting a month-by-month yearly calendar, as there are several responsibilities that the board is required to address every year. Some of these are: addressing the 12 long-term goals for our fire department, review/revision of the policy book, review/revision of the fire chief's agreement, establishing an Employee Handbook, scheduling board training, making an evaluation form for the Fire Chief, and the evaluation of the Fire Chief. We will work next month on setting priorities when each area will be covered at board meetings.

If the Levy passes, Bob has prepared and adjusted budget schedule. Newspaper notification May 28, June 2 community notification of budget meeting, June 9 budget committee meeting, additional budget meeting June 16 if needed, public meeting before regular board meeting which will be moved back a week to June 23. Clay made a motion to accept Bob Jones's revised schedule for the additional budget meeting if needed and to move the regular board meeting back one week. Pam seconded. Pam voted yes, Lon voted yes, Clay voted yes, Mike voted yes, Joyce voted yes. Motion passed.

Meeting was opened for public comment.

Joyce made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pam. Pam voted yes, Lon voted yes, Clay voted yes, Mike voted yes, Joyce voted yes. Motion passed. Adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Next Board of Directors meeting, June 23, 2025
BOD agenda items due by May 31, 2025.

Minutes and a recording of this meeting available at www.prospectrfpd.org