



Prospect Rural Fire Protection District
Minutes of the Board of Directors
Regular Meeting,
July 20, 2026 at 6pm
Prospect Library – Meeting Room

Mike Pearson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Attending: Mike Pearson, Pam Lee, Gunner Gibson, Joyce Dierking, Natalie Williams.

Also Attending: Fire Chief Lyle Neville, Bob Jones (financial officer), and 3 other community members.

Approval of minutes. Pam made a motion to approve the June minutes, seconded by Joyce. Mike voted yes, Pam voted yes, Gunner voted yes, Joyce voted yes, Natalie voted yes. Motion passed.

Additions to the Agenda were added:

1. Joyce reminded everyone that we're at the beginning of the Fiscal Year, therefore we are to nominate officers again for another year. Natalie nominated Mike Pearson for President, Mike accepted, seconded by Gunner, all voted yes. Pam nominated Natalie Williams for Secretary/Treasurer, Natalie accepted, seconded by Joyce, all voted yes. Natalie nominated Pam Lee for Vice President, Pam accepted, seconded by Joyce, all voted yes.
2. Krisinda Gibson provided an update on AED equipment that has been purchased using funds from Save Lives Oregon and 2 AED units are being sent to the fire department.
3. Melissa Taylor presented a donation check to the PRFPD Volunteer Association, \$300 proceeds from a raffle held by the Community Center.
4. Chief Neville wanted to discuss the Fire Dept involvement in Jamboree this year, providing the day of watering to keep the dust down, medical support, and handing out cold water all day. The vacant parking lot will

be used for extra parking that day as well. He will try to get the Mercy Flights Helicopter to come again this year.

Bob gave the monthly financial report. Notable mentions, we had a big month for taxes income, all other income and expenses were expected. Some expenses were over budget, many were under budget, so we're now in preparation for the upcoming audit. Lyle made a comment that the department has zero debt, which is a great point. Natalie made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Pam. Mike voted yes, Pam voted yes, Gunner voted yes, Joyce voted yes, Natalie voted yes. Motion passed.

Lyle gave his monthly Chief's report. He updated on the septic project, currently waiting for DEQ permits. He mentioned that the fire dept obtained a mobile pump and it's getting refurbished and sealed to be installed on a trailer, which will be used to pull water from local sources if needed. Volunteer training continues every Tuesday evening. Provided an update on grant funds and their use. Community partnerships are continuing to thrive, we help with mutual aid when available, there will be a community Fall meeting to address emergency preparedness in Prospect. Fuel Reduction efforts continue, with 2 employees until the end of the year. All 5 fire vehicles were updated with new radios. A volunteer and employee handbook is in the works. Station 3 possibly has a wood insect problem, after further investigation, an update will be provided.

Board members and community members discussed ideas for posting a public notice on how the levy has helped our fire department and community since it passed. Everyone wants to let the community know about the successes of the levy. We will be coming up with some ideas for a sign to be hung on the fire engine during the Jamboree parade and outside the fire station.

Item #10 on the Agenda was moved to the next meeting.

The meeting was opened for public comment. Kathleen made a comment about receiving phone calls about people starting warming fires near Mill Creek Falls trail, which is something of a concern. The fire dept doesn't

manage that but we might be able to help by providing signs about “no fires”.

Joyce made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pam. Mike voted yes, Pam voted yes, Gunner voted yes, Joyce voted yes, Natalie voted yes. Adjourned at 7:05pm.

Next Board of Directors meeting, 6:00pm, August 17, 2026
BOD agenda items due by August 6, 2026

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