

Action: Director Swails moved to approve Resolution #21-02, A Resolution Adopting the Budget, Making Appropriations, and Declaring the Tax Levy. Second by Director Landles.

Roll Call Vote:

Swails	Aye
Landles	Aye
Cox	Aye

All in favor. Motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

Approval of Minutes from the May 13, 2021 Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Reviewed, no comments.

Action: Director Landles moved to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2021 Board of Directors Regular Meeting. Second by Director Swails. All in favor. Motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

Approval of Minutes from the April 21, 2021 Budget Committee Meeting

Reviewed, no comments.

Action: Director Swails moved to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2021 Budget Committee Meeting. Second by Director Landles. All in favor. Motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

Approval of Minutes from the May 5, 2021 Budget Committee Meeting

Reviewed, no comments.

Action: Director Swails moved to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2021 Budget Committee Meeting. Second by Director Landles. All in favor. Motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

Financials

Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Statement Staff answered questions regarding current revenues and expenditures.

- 5030 – Prior Year Property Tax Revenue – Director Swails asked why revenue (\$25,994) on this line is at fifty-one percent of forecast, Chief Supkis responded this is an unpredictable line to budget and practice has been to base budget off prior year’s receipts.
- 5101 – EMS Income – Director Landles asked if this revenue shown included the rebilling of the facility bills in appeal denied by the court. Chief Supkis responded that revenue has not yet been received.
- 6105 – Line Staff OT – Director Swails commented on this line being under budget, staff responded this is due to life happens circumstances including in person training not taking place due to COVID. However, expenditures on this line will increase the next month due to line staff being out on injury and multiple trainings taking place in June.

- 6450 – Electronic Ambulance Billing – Director Swails commented on this line being over budget, Chief Supkis responded this is due to the onboarding of Tactical to assist the district with its transport cost recovery. Staff added the District will see a refund from its previous electronic billing provider which will offset some of this overage.
- 7135 – Firefighter Supplies – Director Swails asked about this line which is significantly under budget. Staff responded there has not been the need to order expendable fire supplies like foam concentrate so far this year. One foam order can eat up most of this line item and any remaining budget funds will be rolled to next year.
- 8205 – Communications Repair – Director Swails asked why this line is significantly over budget. Chief responded there was a significant purchase of radio parts and equipment last July as the district upgrades its radio capacities along with the P25 transition.
- 8453 – Career Staff General Uniforms – Director Swails inquired about this expense being over budget, Chief responded there were several unanticipated but needed purchases the main one winter coats and jackets. This line which includes PPE has been increased for the upcoming fiscal year.

Monthly Expenses by Vendor

Reviewed. Director Cox noted the Hughes Fire payment. Chief noted annual maintenance and testing was completed on the district large apparatus (engines and tenders) under budget at \$11,873 and went well. Director Cox asked about how the district medics are holding up. Chief stated those receive maintenance periodically several times a year due to their high use and experiencing the most wear and tear. The two medics have over 100,000 miles and two older at over 200,000. Director Swails asked what a new medic cost. Staff stated the two new ones ordered are \$218,000 each. Director Swails inquired with equipment? Staff replied that that would be closer to \$300,000 – not including staffing. Chief noted the total cost of two medics and full crews in service is \$2.6 million – which includes equipment, staffing, PPE, depreciation and other related expenses.

Monthly Expenses Paid

Reviewed. No comments.

Action: Director Landles moved to approve monthly expenses presented from May 14, 2021 – June 10, 2021 in the amount of \$300,382.47. Second by Director Cox. All in favor. Motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

Management Reports

Monthly Alarm Report

- Question from Director Swails regarding what is a Good Intent Call. Director Cox state a smoke seen call but no fire found or existed. Chief Supkis confirmed and noted that citizens

often call 911 with a valid concern that does not turn into an emergency and or action by firefighters. They just needed some kind of reassurance – those get put into the good intent classification.

- Note billable transports have increased from 399 to 485 over prior year. Board asked how that is impacting mutual aid. Staff stated it is not uncommon for a mutual aid request to be denied due to other agencies' availability and assessment of acuity of the aid request. Chief also provided clarification on billable v. non-billable EMS calls and that there are no non billable transports, it just how the stats are generated for that section of the report and also by Board policy the district does not bill for walk ins that are not transported. The call trend has been 10% increase each of the last three years and 30% just this last month. There has been a significant increase in calls to dispersed camping areas, some of which are very serious and some patients needing only basic first aid. Local law enforcement authorities estimate there are about sixty campsites in the La Pine area, many of which have multiple people residing within. There are times when search and rescue must be utilized to access these patients due to off grid and no roads.

Multiple Alarm & Building Permit/Valuation Report

- The only commercial activity was an upgrade. There were 54 residential permits issued totaling \$1.83 million. At this point Rex Lesueur suggested incorporating systems development charges.

Chief's Report

- Discussion regarding multiple alarms, including four days in a row where there were thirteen or more calls. May 30 had seventeen calls, and three within twenty-five minutes. There were 10 Code 99's in May.
- Total of 281 calls for the month of May, which is a record high.
- Chief Supkis played a 5-minute 911 audio from a multiple alarm period on May 17 beginning just before 5:00 p.m. when there were six calls within one hour, including one call where a patient was at St. Charles La Pine after being discharged from that facility, and also including four calls within a five-minute time period. During this time mutual aid was requested of two agencies, both were not able to respond. There were four patients transported during an hour. Fortunately, students were able to assist with a BLS transport. This response demand resulted in the District being completely unstaffed and Chief Supkis stood by at Station 102. Chip Horner asked for additional information on the 911 audio about St. Charles. Chief Supkis said the 911 radio traffic was in the public domain and the district would not comment on specifics of any one call.
- Director Swails noted there were fifteen calls to St. Charles Family Care and one to La Pine CHC. He asked if there is a material difference in the patients or care provided at the two facilities. Chief Supkis responded that based on information the district has been provided La Pine CHC sees more patients than St. Charles La Pine, and that there looks to be two levels of health care in the community. He stated from the recent numbers La Pine CHC is doing a better job of caring for patients within their facility. Over the past several months there has been a continued demand on 911 resources from St. Charles, and a decrease in

demand from La Pine CHC. Charla DeHate stated she feels St. Charles La Pine is seen as an emergency room, and therefore more critical patients present there for care which creates a decrease in patients seen at La Pine CHC's walk in clinic.

- Rex Lesueur inquired about potential solutions to the limited resources available.
- Charla DeHate asked about potential American Rescue Act funding from Deschutes County. Director Swails responded funding needs have been addressed many times on multiple levels. The District has written in the past month to Oregon US Senators, governor, state legislators, including a request submitted to Deschutes County.

Correspondence/News

- A. Thank -you – Roger
- B. OFDDA - Red Book, Services
- C. KTVZ – St. Charles says judge dismissed invoices
- D. Bulletin – Ruling on billing process
- E. Ruralite – UDRC fire prevention incentive
- F. Wise Buys – May Wildfire awareness month, Firefree events
- G. Wise Buys – Budget Hearing – Board Meeting Notice
- H. KTVZ – Man killed in Hwy 97 crash
- I. KTVZ – Man killed after crashing into Little Deschutes
- J. KTVZ – St. Charles outlines hospital issues

Old Business

A. Public private partnership transportation agreement

Chief reported on the proposed agreement between the District and Cascade Medical Transport (CMT). CMT will dedicate up to two resources to provide interfacility transports, both emergency and non-emergency, from the medical facilities from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. CMT has the ability to increase their resources if needed. CMT will be required to meet the ASA response requirement. The agreement basically adds another resource to the District's run card during specific times. They will be dispatched through 911 and will do their own cost recovery. CMT has indicated they will be initially focusing patient and patient's insurance, which should benefit the medical facilities. There is no cost to the District to partner with CMT.

Chief directed the Board's attention to a proposed cover letter drafted to the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners, thanking them for their work in making the partnership possible and seeking their approval of the agreement. The agreement will be a win for the patient who needs care, the next person who calls 911, the medical facilities, private sector, and the public service district. The partnership will allow the District to focus limited available resources to the most critical 911 needs, especially those not already in professional care.

The revised County ASA (Ambulance Service Area) ordinance goes into effect on July 1. The goal of CMT and the District is to be able to begin providing the service August 1.

Director Swails offered input on some terminology clean-up to ensure definitions of all acronyms are included, including more commonly known such as ALS (Advanced Life Support). Staff will modify as needed.

Action: Director Swails moved to accept the Public Private Partnership for ALS Ambulance Services in Certain Circumstances. Second by Director Landles. All in favor. Motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

Action: Director Landles moved to forward the Public Private Partnership for ALS Ambulance Services in Certain Circumstances along with the proposed cover letter to the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners. Second by Director Swails. All in favor. Motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

New Business

A. Resolution #21-03 Authorizing receipt of grant funds and allocation of contingency funds FY 20/21

Resolution was read into the record by staff.

Director Cox asked for comment or questions by Board. None.

Action: Director Swails moved to approve Resolution #21-03, Authorizing Receipt of Grant Funds and Allocation of Contingency Funds FY 20/21. Second by Director Landles.

Roll Call Vote:

Swails	Aye
Landles	Aye
Cox	Aye

All in favor. Motion passed on a 3-0 vote with correction to FY reference as noted by Director Swails.

Appeals (Ordinance 2019-03)

A. La Pine CHC appeal to the Board invoice #73 – call 0487

Director Cox confirmed the appeal packet information provided by La Pine CHC and District was reviewed by members of the Board and asked for any questions.

Action: Director Cox moved to grant the Appeal by La Pine Community Health Center Invoice #73 Call 0487. Second by Director Swails. All in favor. Motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

B. St. Charles appeal to the Board invoice #68 – call 0406

Director Cox confirmed the appeal packet information provided by the St. Charles and district was reviewed by members of the Board and asked for any questions.

Chip Horner asked to speak and presented a document to Director Cox. Director Cox took the document and request was denied. Director Cox reminded Mr. Horner he had an opportunity to sign in and speak during Public Comment.

Action: Director Swails moved to deny the Appeal by St. Charles Invoice #68 Call 0406. Second by Director Landles. All in favor. Motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

At this point for the benefit of all in attendance Chief Supkis reviewed the appeal process including the ordinance requirement that any supporting information for the appeal be submitted to the Board in writing prior to the meeting, which was done by the facility. Each board member is provided with the appeal request, all supporting information received, and the original appeal request to the Chief and responses for consideration. All are included in the board packets. Board members are able to ask questions of the facility representatives (if present) when considering the appeal if they so choose. Questions and discussion initiated by the Board has been part of the process when needed.

C. St. Charles appeal to the Board invoice #68 – call 0409

Director Cox confirmed the appeal packet information provided by the St. Charles and District was reviewed by members of the Board and asked for any questions.

Action: Director Swails moved to deny the Appeal by St. Charles Invoice #68 Call 0409. Second by Director Landles. All in favor. Motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

D. St. Charles appeal to the Board invoice #68 – call 0436

Director Cox confirmed the appeal packet information provided by the St. Charles and District was reviewed by members of the Board and asked for any questions.

Action: Director Swails moved to deny the Appeal by St. Charles Invoice #68 Call 0436. Second by Director Landles. All in favor. Motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

E. St. Charles appeal to the Board invoice #68 – call 0437

Director Cox confirmed the appeal packet information provided by the St. Charles and District was reviewed by members of the Board and asked for any questions.

Action: Director Swails moved to deny the Appeal by St. Charles Invoice #68 Call 0437. Second by Director Landles. All in favor. Motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

F. St. Charles appeal to the Board invoice #68 – call 0439

Director Cox confirmed the appeal packet information provided by the St. Charles and District was reviewed by members of the Board and asked for any questions.

Action: Director Swails moved to deny the Appeal by St. Charles Invoice #68 Call 0439. Second by Director Swails. All in favor. Motion passed on a 3-0 vote.

G. St. Charles appeal to the Board invoice #74 – call 0471

Director Cox confirmed the appeal packet information provided by the St. Charles and District was reviewed by members of the Board and asked for any questions.

**Action: Director Swails moved to deny the Appeal by St. Charles Invoice #74 Call 0471.
Second by Director Landles. All in favor. Motion passed on a 3-0 vote.**

H. St. Charles appeal to the Board invoice #74 – call 0493

Director Cox confirmed the appeal packet information provided by the St. Charles and District was reviewed by members of the Board and asked for any questions.

**Action: Director Swails moved to deny the Appeal by St. Charles Invoice #74 Call 0493.
Second by Director Landles. All in favor. Motion passed on a 3-0 vote.**

I. St. Charles appeal to the Board invoice #74 – call 0496

Director Cox confirmed the appeal packet information provided by the St. Charles and District was reviewed by members of the Board and asked for any questions.

**Action: Director Swails moved to deny the Appeal by St. Charles Invoice #74 Call 0496.
Second by Director Landles. All in favor. Motion passed on a 3-0 vote.**

J. St. Charles appeal to the Board invoice #74 – call 0498

Director Cox confirmed the appeal packet information provided by the St. Charles and District was reviewed by members of the Board and asked for any questions.

**Action: Director Swails moved to deny the Appeal by St. Charles Invoice #74 Call 0498.
Second by Director Landles. All in favor. Motion passed on a 3-0 vote.**

K. St. Charles appeal to the Board invoice #76 – call 0506

Director Cox confirmed the appeal packet information provided by the St. Charles and District was reviewed by members of the Board and asked for any questions.

**Action: Director Swails moved to deny the Appeal by St. Charles Invoice #76 Call 0506.
Second by Director Landles. All in favor. Motion passed on a 3-0 vote.**

L. St. Charles appeal to the Board invoice #76 – call 0562

Director Cox confirmed the appeal packet information provided by the St. Charles and District was reviewed by members of the Board and asked for any questions.

**Action: Director Swails moved to deny the Appeal by St. Charles Invoice #76 Call 0562.
Second by Director Landles. All in favor. Motion passed on a 3-0 vote.**

M. St. Charles appeal to the Board invoice #76 – call 0572

Director Cox confirmed the appeal packet information provided by the St. Charles and District was reviewed by members of the Board and asked for any questions.

**Action: Director Swails moved to deny the Appeal by St. Charles Invoice #76 Call 0572.
Second by Director Landles. All in favor. Motion passed on a 3-0 vote.**

N. St. Charles appeal to the Board invoice #76 – call 0622

Director Cox confirmed the appeal packet information provided by the St. Charles and District was reviewed by members of the Board and asked for any questions.

**Action: Director Swails moved to deny the Appeal by St. Charles Invoice #76 Call 0622.
Second by Director Landles. All in favor. Motion passed on a 3-0 vote.**

O. St. Charles appeal to the Board invoice #78 – call 0740

Director Cox confirmed the appeal packet information provided by the St. Charles and District was reviewed by members of the Board and asked for any questions.

**Action: Director Swails moved to deny the Appeal by St. Charles Invoice #78 Call 0740.
Second by Director Landles. All in favor. Motion passed on a 3-0 vote.**

P. St. Charles appeal to the Board invoice #78 – call 0745

Director Cox confirmed the appeal packet information provided by the St. Charles and District was reviewed by members of the Board and asked for any questions.

**Action: Director Swails moved to deny the Appeal by St. Charles Invoice #78 Call 0745.
Second by Director Landles. All in favor. Motion passed on a 3-0 vote.**

Q. St. Charles appeal to the Board invoice #78 – call 0750

Director Cox confirmed the appeal packet information provided by the St. Charles and District was reviewed by members of the Board and asked for any questions.

**Action: Director Swails moved to deny the Appeal by St. Charles Invoice #78 Call 0750.
Second by Director Landles. All in favor. Motion passed on a 3-0 vote.**

R. St. Charles appeal to the Board invoice #78 – call 0766

Director Cox confirmed the appeal packet information provided by the St. Charles and District was reviewed by members of the Board and asked for any questions.

**Action: Director Swails moved to deny the Appeal by St. Charles Invoice #78 Call 0766.
Second by Director Landles. All in favor. Motion passed on a 3-0 vote.**

Special Meetings and Workshops

None.

Good of the Order

A. Deschutes County 911 2021 P25 Radio Recommendations and Cost Report

Chief Supkis directed the Board's attention to the report enclosed in the Board packet. It describes current status and Deschutes County plan for improvements. Anticipates it will be 24 months before an additional radio tower may be operational for improved coverage in the South County area. There is an effort to speed up the process possibly using American Rescue Act funds. Coverage in buildings per the report is below acceptable standards which is critical for firefighters. The district is working with 911 on moving forward and transitioning to using P25 as the primary radio system in South County but no timetables have been set. The legacy system will continue to be used as needed as was rebuilt with the P25 install and is needed for many fire and EMS agencies coming from outside of Deschutes County as well as Federal and State forestry partners.

B. OSFM 2021 State Fire Defense Board Meeting - Fire Year Outlook

Chief Supkis presented an annual fire year outlook power point. The precipitation outlook for our region is dry, with the east slopes of the Cascades having a higher-than-normal fire danger. He directed everyone's attention to three slides which illustrate Oregon wildfires over the course of the three most recent 10-year periods and how they have been greatly increasing with a notable exception so far right. Statewide, fire seasons are growing more severe, with larger and more devastating fires. Thirty-five years ago, the State Fire Marshal predicted La Pine was in the bull's eye and would be the next community most likely devastated by a wildland urban interface fire. Over the last thirty years, there has not been a major fire in the District due in large part to action taken by the community. There is also a tremendous amount of cooperation among agencies including National Forest Service, Oregon Department of Forestry and Walker Range. The area is especially vulnerable when resources are stretched thin, as illustrated earlier in the meeting. The fire on Hermosa in September 2020 could have turned into a major fire event, like happen to several other fires in Oregon that hot dry windy day, however it was stopped quickly on initial attack. Central Oregon has placed an emphasis on forest health and reducing fuels by thinning and using prescribed burning, which has lessened catastrophic wildfire danger. More work needs to be done on private lands and hardening individual homes from wildfire. There are more Firewise communities in this District than most any other fire district in the country. There are currently eleven certified communities, with three more in the certification process.

Director Cox noted Walker Range, RD and his bulldozer has been a great help to the area.

There is also a new State forestry wildland fire staging area/station being developed at La Pine State Park.

Adjourn Regular Board Meeting

Next Regular Meeting July 8, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Respectfully Scribed and Submitted
La Pine Rural Fire Protection District
Administrative Staff

Date Presented to Board and Approval

7-8-2021

Board Secretary

Board President

Douglas H. Coe

