

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
La Pine Rural Fire Protection District
July 8, 2021 Regular Meeting 9:00 a.m.

Open Meeting Director Cox opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. and led the flag salute.

Roll Call

Directors Present: Robin Adams, Doug Cox, Jim Landles and Dick Swails

Directors Absent: Joel Witmer

Staff Present: Chief Mike Supkis, Assistant Chief Dan Daugherty, Office Manager Tracy Read

Captain Mark Pautz Retirement – moved from Good of the Order

Chief Supkis introduced Captain Mark Pautz to the Board. Capt. Pautz has served the District since 1995 when he came on as a student and will be retiring later this month. Chief thanked Capt. Pautz for his many years of service and contributions to the District. There will be a going-away breakfast for Mark on July 27 which the Board is welcome to attend. The Board congratulated him on his service.

Captain Pautz stated it has been an honor and privilege to serve, that he is proud to have fulfilled a lifelong dream and to have spent his entire career serving this District and learning the skills he will carry with him as he moves on to his next adventure. He is proud to have been a part of the growth of the organization. He thanked the District for all it has done to further his career.

Chief mentioned Capt. Pautz has been the District's EMS coordinator for many years; he has worked closely with the District's physician advisor as well as State and Federal agencies and many EMS organizations to make the program one of the best in the State.

Board Organization

Swearing In

Director Cox swore in Robin Adams to Director Position 1.

Election of Board President/Chair, Vice President/Chair, Secretary

Action: Director Swails nominated Joel Witmer to serve as Vice President/Chair. Second by Director Adams. All in favor. Motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

Action: Director Swails nominated Jim Landles to serve as Secretary. Second by Director Adams. All in favor. Motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

Action: Director Adams nominated Doug Cox to serve as Board President/Chair. Second by Director Swails. All in favor. Motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

Director Cox accepted, stating this will be his final term after serving on the Board for more than twenty years.

Director Adams provided a brief bio. She and her husband have lived in the District part-time since 2004 and full-time since 2017. They moved here from Corvallis where she practiced medicine for almost thirty years. After relocating to Central Oregon Robin was self-employed, contracting with local agencies to provide medical service. She has two grown children. She once had admitting privileges with Good Samaritan and with St. Charles, though no longer does. Adams verified she has no association, financial or otherwise, with any medical facilities in the area.

Signature Cards

Action: Director Landles moved to add Dick Swails and Robin Adams to the signature card at Washington Federal, and also moved to remove former Directors Jerry Hubbard and Larry South. Second by Cox. All in favor. Motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

Public Forum

Present:	<i>Michael Jacobs</i>	<i>Courtney Ignazzitto</i>
	<i>Rex Lesueur</i>	<i>Charla DeHate</i>
	<i>Vern Walter</i>	<i>Ted Sommers</i>
	<i>Karen Sommers</i>	<i>Les Adams</i>
	<i>Oliver Tatom</i>	<i>Mark Pautz</i>
	<i>Jerry Hubbard</i>	

Director Cox asked for comment.

Michael Jacobs: Spoke as counsel for St. Charles. Stated the appeal process is insufficient as a matter of law and that under due process St. Charles should be afforded the opportunity to be heard and to put on substantive evidence to support its appeals and confront the evidence against it. He voiced the following objections:

- Claims there was not adequate notice of this hearing or the process involved.
- Claims the hearing does not meet due process requirements.
- Claims Chief Supkis is not qualified to offer opinions set forth in denying the appeals of St. Charles.
- Claims Chief Supkis' denials of St. Charles' appeals are based on hearsay and hearsay within hearsay.

Jacobs distributed a declaration of Dr. Brian Truworthy. The doctor concluded that the denied invoices all relate to emergency care and treatment. Jacobs further stated that two of the calls were initiated by the patient and should never have been billed to the facility. He also offered that the emergency determinations were made by the medical providers and that Chief Supkis did not have the training or authority to undermine those decisions. While Jacobs appreciates the opportunity to comment, he does not feel the comment period afforded to him satisfies the constitutional requirements that the Board is required to meet to ensure that St. Charles is properly heard on these issues.

Vern Walter: Asked about the inquiry last month regarding funding for additional medics. Board asked Chief to respond. Chief stated that included in the Board packets are legislative reports regarding System Development Charges (SDC) which were prepared for the current legislative session. While system development fees are possible, they are not probable for emergency services as there is a requirement that there be a direct quantifiable benefit and attributed cost to the property on which the SDC is placed. Examples were infrastructure projects such as water/sewer, roads, sidewalks, parks, etc. Chief further stated no emergency services in the state have been successful at assessing an SDC fee, and he appreciates the opportunity to explore this matter.

Rex LeSueur: Spoke about the recent Florida condominium collapse, stating the board overseeing that building was negligent in not telling the residents of the building that it was in danger of collapse, and not acting on recommendations of engineers. LeSueur stated negligence comes when a problem is known and nothing is done to remedy it. He likened this situation to the District's current lack of resources to handle the 911 call demand. LeSueur stated the Board is not working on doing something to fix the issue and is thereby, he believes, negligent. He stated the district needs four medics as the Chief has indicated and that the district has done nothing. He also requested Director Cox apologize to Charla DeHate for being rude last month. Director Cox offered an apology to Charla.

Director Swails reminded LeSueur of previous meeting discussions on this matter as well as the pending Public Private Partnership (PPP) with Cascade Medical Transit (CMT) to add transportation resources. He also stated the District is very diligent in the management of its resources and that a higher number of transports does not equate to the increased revenue needed to cover the cost.

Director Landles reviewed previous attempts by the District and Board to secure additional funding. Chief Supkis added there is no one silver bullet solution to the current resource shortfall. The District has made efforts to increase the rate of recovery from users placing demand on the service, is maximizing tax revenue, has received multiple millions of dollars in grant funds, and is being efficient in use of existing resources. The PPP which will be discussed later in this meeting is just one effort that will benefit not only the District, but also the local medical facilities and their demands as well as the next person who calls 911.

There was discussion regarding the number of working fires and motor vehicle accidents this past week as well as the number of EMS calls. Director Cox reminded everyone that the District's fire staff is also the District's medical staff. The community is placed at risk due to increased transport demands taking crews out of district. Charla DeHate asked for additional information to support the District's stance of the demand placed on resources due to non-

emergency facility transports and to stop referring to the broken arm calls, claiming it did not happen.

Ted Sommers: Asked to be recognized and spoke about his wife's visit to St. Charles La Pine for an x-ray after a fall where she possibly fractured her wrist the day prior to the visit. Mr. Sommers stated staff at St. Charles would not provide the requested x-ray and told Mrs. Sommers that she needed to go to Bend because her heart was beating fast. Mr. Sommers told St. Charles staff he would drive her to Bend for an x-ray and that her increased heart rate was probably the result of the broken wrist. At this point, the provider at St. Charles started an IV and told Mr. Sommers that he now could not take the patient, and that she had to go by ambulance. Mr. and Mrs. Sommers stated this upset them as it was not their desire. At this point Mr. Jacobs interrupted Mr. Sommers and attempted to reiterate part of his earlier statement regarding St. Charles' ability to respond to the denial of its appeals.

Chairman Cox asked for order and whether there was anyone else who had signed in for comment.

No other public comment.

Approval of Minutes from the June 10, 2021 Budget Hearing and Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Reviewed. Director Adams noted one correction on the bottom of page 5, last paragraph which reads 'goes into effect *until* July 1' and asked if this should be 'goes into effect *on* July 1'. Staff agreed and will make that correction.

Action: Director Adams moved to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2021 Budget Hearing and Board of Directors Regular Meeting with correction noted above. Second by Director Swails. All in favor. Motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

Financials

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

- 5101 – EMS Service Fees – Director Adams asked if this increase in revenue was a result of the billing agency's work. Staff responded the increase was due to the new billing service's credentialing with insurances which had previously delayed some payments.
- 5400 –Miscellaneous Income – Director Adams asked what comprises this. Staff responded rebates, operational grants, address signs.
- 6520 – EMS Billing – Director Adams asked about this increase. Staff responded this is the monthly fee by the new billing service, some of which will be recouped with a refund from the previous billing service. This is a budgeted expense in the new budget year.
- 6420 – Director Miscellaneous – Director Adams asked what MASA is. Staff responded this is a private air/ground medical ambulance fee coverage a service offered to all members of

the District, including directors. To date the District's experience with cost recovery from any MASA covered person has been very good.

- 8100 – District Vehicles – Director Swails asked if any vehicle maintenance is being deferred to next fiscal year. Chief responded no; most of the non-expenditures in this past FY line item has been from budgeted tires that were not needed within this period. In addition, all four medics have had periodic maintenance over the past two weeks which is not reflected in this report. It does reflect the annual maintenance on large fire apparatus which was completed in May. Director Cox asked how many miles the medics currently have. Chief responded the new medics have about 150,000 miles each. Discussion regarding two new medics on order, those are expected to be delivered in November. Medics replacement and or rebuilds are moving a two/three-year rotation, up from the previous four-year rotation due to the demanding use.
- 8205 – Communications Repair – Director Swails noted this line significantly over budget. Chief responded all radio batteries were replaced this past year as well as other radio needs. Full replacement occurs every five to six years. Director Landles asked if the batteries will be better in the P25 system. Chief responded no - they are actually more sensitive to voltage. The good news is they don't use as much power. Full battery replacement is \$3,000 - \$4,000.
- 8454 – Career Staff PPE – Director Adams asked why this line is so high. Chief responded the District received a \$34,000 grant in May to purchase wildland PPE, which was then expended in this line. He also addressed the related PPE over budget expense for reserves, stating the District has a great diversity of new students each year and they need proper fitting protective gear which the district provides.

Monthly Expenses by Vendor

Reviewed. No comments.

Monthly Expenses Paid

Reviewed. No comments.

Action: Director Swails moved to approve monthly expenses presented from 6/11/21 – 7/8/21 in the amount of \$612,159.21. Second by Director Adams. All in favor. Motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

Management Reports

Monthly Alarm Report

- Director Adams noted that Deschutes County had a surge in Covid cases in May and June and could this correlate to the increase in the number of transports. Chief stated transports are up about twenty percent over prior YTD but has no direct science on COVID impacts, especially on secondary effects. His assumption is it is part of the equation as well as other factors such as medical facility needs and population.
- Fire responses are also up, especially brush and forest fires which have doubled over last year. Discussion regarding these fires sometimes being the result of irresponsibility. Also, there were three vehicle fires in dispersed camping areas last month. Year to date there have been six fires in these areas, which presents a major hazard. Chief has been in contact with BLM law enforcement and administration for help. While they have listened to the District's concerns, they state they are unable to take any action as they cannot move people out of these areas until they can be relocated to a designated place. Chief has requested that the people residing in these areas need to be removed to a safe location, or at least the related hazards be removed. Two of the MVA fires took five response units. The third resulted in a General Alarm with eight District apparatus as well as mutual aid responses from Crescent, Bend, Sunriver and COID with additional engines, hand crews and air attack. Fortunately, the District's reserves allowed for a third crew to be staffed. Rex LeSueur asked if BLM could be billed for responses. Chief stated the district seeks recover cost from multiple sources and users and will look into this and report back. Additional discussion regarding U.S. Forest Service and Oregon Department of Forestry responses on wildland area fires. While ignition sources appear to be suspicious, the District does not perform investigation on federal lands and outside the district.
- Director Adams asked for clarification on what is an IOB response. Chief Supkis stated it is an "illegal open burn" but not a hostile or escaped fire that requires immediate suppression. More like a campfire in prohibited area. IOB can be also other types of burning out of season and sometimes the campfire is even legitimate but a caller is concerned that it is not and thus prompts a 911 call.

Multiple Alarm & Building Permit/Valuation Report

Chief's Report

- Chief explained the purpose of this report. That staff wants to highlight to the Board significant calls and or call volume as well as a summary of district activities.
- In May there were at least fifteen days with 9 or more multiple calls per day, which places a significant strain on resources. Chief stated for the past several years the district has made it noteworthy when daily responses exceed 8 – meaning the district was at capacity with all other things being equal.
- Director Landles noted six code 99's, 2 of which were ROS. Chief estimated that a year or so ago the norm was more like one per month. He has no reasoning for the jump but

assumptions can include population increases, older, less healthy, access to primary care and even COVID.

Correspondence/News

- A. Public comment – J. Jones
Chief reported this was an unsolicited comment directed to the Board, therefore it was included in the packet. Concern regarding air conditioning and rodent control.
- B. Thank-you – Jim Burness
- C. Certification of Election Klamath County, Deschutes County
- D. Wise Buys - Board Meeting and Budget Hearing
- E. Bulletin – Editorial: Improve Deschutes County 911 Radio System
- F. KEZI – Monthly Fee Amid Major Deficit in Ambulance Services
- G. KTVZ – Three Fires Destroy RVs, Wildland Campsites on BLM Land
- H. Bulletin – Three RV fires in One Day
- I. KTVZ -Fatal Wickiup Reservoir Plunge
- J. Firefighters Respond to Fast Moving Brush Fire in La Pine
- K. Wise Buys -Fire District Board Meeting
- L. Wise Buys - Firefighters Respond to 3 Suspicious RV Fires
- M. NPR – Rural Ambulance Services at Risk
Board and staff discussion regarding the ongoing funding challenges which are faced by many rural ambulance providers, this not just a La Pine Problem. Chief stated the struggles faced by the District are being felt nationwide. Rural healthcare systems in general, not just ambulances, are being hit hard by increased demand, decreasing revenues and a shift to more centralized care in populated areas.

Discussion regarding the MVA on Hwy 97 on July 4. Director Landles stated he was one of the first on scene and Chief thanked him for his assistance. Traffic control for the re-routing down Huntington Road. Chairman Cox inquired why the County Sheriff did not have all the intersections covered. Chief Supkis stated traffic control under the incident command system goes from law enforcement to the respective highway departments and sometimes that takes time to get resources to every point.

Old Business

- A. Public/Private Partnership Transportation Resource Agreement (PPP) – Deschutes County Board of Commissioners' (BOCC) Response.

Chief drew the Board's attention to the BOCC response signed by Commissioner DeBone. Also included is the Board's letter dated June 10, 2021 requesting the BOCC's due diligence and prompt approval of the PPP per the County Ambulance Service Agreement (ASA).

Chief stated the letter from the BOCC began by with sentences from a previous issue. It looks like it was cut and pasted by staff from a letter addressing previous unspecified

complaints to the BOCC by St. Charles Medical Group and La Pine Community Health Center, directed to the Board in November 2020, which the District responded to. The BOCC letter from Commissioner DeBone then contains many barrier-type questions and requests multiple (about 30) items requested to consider the proposed PPP, however none required per the County ASA plan. About 20 of those questions were already covered in the PPP which was provided to the BOCC with the original review request. The District's Board's letter to each BOCC and the proposed PPP agreement that was sent was obviously not read.

Chief suggested this is too important an issue to not be properly considered and decided on by our elected officials and suggested the Board reach out to the Commissioners to have a face-to-face meeting. Everyone will benefit from the PPP including medical facilities transferring patients because it does not add any cost to them or the taxpayer, the District as it adds more resources to serve the community, and most importantly the next person who calls 911 will receive a faster response - saving lives and property.

Chief expressed his frustration that this positive solution does not have to be this hard and requested the Board attempt to have discussions with the BOCC get on the same page for the community and then direct both staffs with a course of action. Director Adams suggested CMT be a part of the discussion. Directors Cox, Landles and Adams all offered to make themselves available. CMT is fully State licensed to respond as ALS and BLS.

Discussion followed regarding initiating and facilitating any meeting. Director Swails suggested the President and Vice President initiate. Chief stated he will participate if requested to answer any questions, however his recommendation is still that staff not be involved in the bigger policy-making process to keep things moving. There is nothing which bars the District Board and the Deschutes County BOCC elected officials from meeting to discuss policy, understanding that no decisions can be made without each full board in a public meeting. The option to share any extra capacity was also presented to other public agencies in Deschutes County, all of whom declined. Any resource which adds benefit to the district without cost to the taxpayers will be advantageous.

New Business

A. Update Board Policy #02-03 Medical Services Billing Rate Schedule

Staff stated this is a nomenclature change to reflect the new Ordinance.

Action: Director Swails moved to approve Board Policy #02-03 Medical Services Billing Rate Schedule as revised July 8, 2021. Second by Director Landles. All in favor.

Roll Call Vote:

Swails	Aye
Landles	Aye
Adams	Aye
Cox	Aye

Motion passed on a 4-0 vote.

Appeals (Ordinance 2019-03)

Chairman Cox opened consideration of Appeals. Michael Jacobs interrupted and stated that he would not be able to make statements or offer evidence.

Chief Supkis reviewed the appeal process per the Ordinance for the benefit of all in attendance, including the appellant's rights and obligation to submit any evidence in writing with each appeal request. All documents received, and district responses to date are included in each appeal packet that are before the Board for each appeal. The Board has an appeal checklist, that the appellants have a copy of, to track their consideration and the ability to ask the appellant any questions or ask the appellant to provide clarification during the appeal session.

Mr. Jacobs again interrupted and stated St. Charles does not have the opportunity to confront evidence, call witnesses, cross-examine witnesses or submit written materials. He further stated St. Charles' position is they are not afforded due process.

Packet 1

A. St. Charles appeal to the Board Invoice #78 – call 0727

Chief Supkis stated the timeline on this appeal was untimely, however it was very close. Board has ultimate discretion on whether to consider.

Director Adams asked how St. Charles could be billed for this call when the patient had been discharged from the clinic? Chief Supkis stated the paramedic report did not indicate the patient had been discharged. Records indicate the call came from St. Charles at 3:01 pm and the patient was received and cared for at the clinic. Board discussion regarding what patient information is included and what information from the facility is made a part of the report. Mr. Jacobs stated the Board is not reviewing the paramedic report, but rather Chief's interpretation of the report. Chief stated St. Charles has each medical report for each patient transport to their Bend ER in its files, however the District being bound by Federal HIPAA shares only non-patient identifiable information that may become public. At this time Mr. Jacobs attempted to interject, and was reminded by Director Swails that the Board will call on facility representatives, not their attorney. Mr. Jacobs responded that is incorrect. Director Cox reminded Jacobs that his public comment was heard, and the Board is now considering the appeals before it.

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.

Director Adams stated she has a hard time saying this invoice is the responsibility of the facility because the patient made the call. Director Landles stated that while the Board can deny this based on untimeliness, he feels it should be tabled until more information can be reviewed. Chief stated he will try to obtain more information, although the information included in the packet is what the District has. Staff will follow up with dispatch to see what other information might be available. Director Cox offered that it would be helpful to know whether there were other transport options available.

Action: Director Landles moved to table the Appeal by St. Charles Invoice #78 Call 0727. Second by Director Adams. All in favor. Appeal tabled on a 4-0 vote.

Packet 2

B. St. Charles appeal to the Board Invoice #80 – call 0797

Director Adams referred to the ASA definition of a stable patient. She felt the call could have been an emergency. Board and staff discussion regarding ALS v BLS and whether the patient could have been expected to require an ALS procedure which did not occur. Chief noted the district criteria of what exceptions are allowed at staff level appeals are on the appeals check list.

Director Swails attempted to ask a question of St. Charles' staff Oliver Tate; Mr. Jacobs interjected that he is not going to allow the clinic directly to directly answer and if the Board has questions, they can direct them to him (Jacobs). Jacobs further stated if the Board does not allow his client the ability to have counsel present, that is another due process violation. Director Swails asked whether St. Charles receives an after-action report on patients transported which neither answered. Director Adams offered to answer based on her previous experience working with St. Charles, and stated no, they do not. Chief stated per the Ordinance, the paramedics on scene per protocol make the determination of whether a call requires emergency action – not the Chief or anyone else. Paramedics' actions and patient outcome is what determines whether the call is exempted or not per the Ordinance which states the responsibility of transporting patients interfacility lies with the facility. However, there are exemptions when the transport is considered an emergency by the district – as determined by its ALS paramedics. Determinations include how the patient is transported (Code 1, Code 3, or transfer to air ambulance), were ALS interventions performed, and was a Heart 1, Stroke 1 or Trauma 1 activated. There is no argument as to whether the patients needed care, needed to go to the hospital or even whether the patient should have been transported by ambulance. The purpose of the Ordinance is to recover the cost of doing that. The consideration is not what could have been, but rather what the paramedics did what was their determination, and what was the outcome. One of the reasons for the success of the District's EMS program and the quality of care provided is that paramedics operate under very strict protocols which must be followed on every call. Director Adams opined that many of these patients are ill enough to possibly require the skills of a paramedic. Director Cox offered that when a patient seeks medical care at a clinic, they expect the care provider to be able to deliver that care; not transfer them somewhere else.

Chief Supkis asked the Board to consider the paramedic report facts related to the transport. The letter provided by St. Charles is an opinion statement; while the Paramedics Care Report is actual medical metrics and a legal document filed with the State and Hospital ER.

Chief redirected the discussion to the Board determining who is responsible for payment of the bill under the current Ordinance #2019-03, and does the invoice on appeal warrant an exemption of the requirements of the Ordinance. Director Cox added that many transports from medical facilities would not even meet the federal ALS reimbursement rate.

Director Swails noted and Board consensus was that everyone needs to cast what they feel is the appropriate vote. Chief Supkis thanked them for the review and healthy discussion, which is an important part of the process.

Director Cox confirmed the appeal packet information provided by St. Charles and District was reviewed by members of the Board and asked for any further questions. There were none.

**Action: Director Swails moved to deny the Appeal by St. Charles Invoice #80 Call 0797.
Second by Director Cox.**

Roll Call Vote:

Adams:	Approve
Cox:	Deny
Landles:	Deny
Swails:	Deny

Appeal denied on a 3-1 vote.

C. St. Charles appeal to the Board Invoice #80 – call 0843

Director Cox confirmed the appeal packet information provided by St. Charles and District was reviewed by members of the Board and asked for any questions. There were none.

Action: Director Adams moved to approve the Appeal by St. Charles Invoice #80 Call 0843.

Roll Call Vote:

Adams:	Approve
Cox:	Deny
Landles:	Deny
Swails:	Deny

Appeal denied on a 3-1 vote.

Packet 3

D. St. Charles appeal to the Board Invoice #81 – call 0862

Director Cox confirmed the appeal packet information provided by St. Charles and District was reviewed by members of the Board and asked for any questions. There were none.

Action: Director Adams moved to approve the Appeal by St. Charles Invoice #81 Call 0862.

Roll Call Vote:

Adams:	Approve
Cox:	Deny
Landles:	Deny
Swails:	Deny

Appeal denied on a 3-1 vote.

E. St. Charles appeal to the Board Invoice #81 – call 0876

Director Cox confirmed the appeal packet information provided by St. Charles and District was reviewed by members of the Board and asked for any questions. There were none.

Action: Director Cox called for a vote on the Appeal by St. Charles Invoice #81 Call 0876.

Roll Call Vote:

Adams:	Approve
Cox:	Deny
Landles:	Deny
Swails:	Deny

Appeal denied on a 3-1 vote.

F. St. Charles appeal to the Board Invoice #81 – call 0923

Director Cox confirmed the appeal packet information provided by St. Charles and District was reviewed by members of the Board and asked for any questions. There were none.

Action: Director Cox called for a vote on the Appeal by St. Charles Invoice #81 Call 0923.

Roll Call Vote:

Adams:	Approve
Cox:	Deny
Landles:	Deny
Swails:	Deny

Appeal denied on a 3 - 1 vote.

G. St. Charles appeal to the Board Invoice #81 – call 0938

Director Cox confirmed the appeal packet information provided by St. Charles and District was reviewed by members of the Board and asked for any questions. There were none.

Action: Director Cox called for a vote on the Appeal by St. Charles Invoice #81 Call 0938.

Roll Call Vote:

Adams:	Approve
Cox:	Deny
Landles:	Deny
Swails:	Deny

Appeal denied on a 3-1 vote.

H. St. Charles appeal to the Board Invoice #81 – call 0945

Director Cox confirmed the appeal packet information provided by St. Charles and District was reviewed by members of the Board and asked for any questions. There were none.

Action: Director Cox called for a vote on the Appeal by St. Charles Invoice #81 Call 0945.

Roll Call Vote:

Adams: Approve
Cox: Deny
Landles: Deny
Swails: Deny

Appeal denied on a 3-1 vote.

I. St. Charles appeal to the Board Invoice #81 – call 0958

Director Cox confirmed the appeal packet information provided by St. Charles and District was reviewed by members of the Board and asked for any questions. There were none.

Action: Director Cox called for a vote on the Appeal by St. Charles Invoice #81 Call 0958.

Roll Call Vote:

Adams: Approve
Cox: Approve
Landles: Approve
Swails: Approve

Appeal granted on a 4-0 vote.

Special Meetings and Workshops

None.

Good of the Order

- A. System Development Charges – Legislative report/brief**
Chief delivered the Oregon State Legislature Policy and Research Office report.
- B. Captain Pautz retirement - July 27 (addressed earlier)**
- C. New FF testing process – September 25 & 26**
- D. Captain testing process- October 5 & 6**
Chief invited the Board to Captain Pautz' retirement breakfast. There will be a captain's testing process following the FF testing, and possibly a lieutenant testing process following that.
- E. New Students (Added Agenda Item)**
Chief Supkis stated new students will be coming on board in early August. They will be invited to meet the Board as part of their orientation. The student who was to serve as the summer intern took a full-time position with AMR at the end of June, so there will be no summer intern this year. Those grant funds will be returned to SDAO.

Director Landles inquired about the student who was injured on the recent MVC. Chief noted the district students get right in the mix of serious calls and it was fortunate it was

relatively minor, but painful, and is now healing. The student received advisement about wearing gloves during rescue tool use.

Adjourn Regular Board Meeting

Next Regular Meeting August 12, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

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

Date Presented to Board and Approval

Aug 12, 2021

Board Secretary

Board President
