

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
La Pine Rural Fire Protection District
August 16, 2023

Open Meeting

Chairman Vietzke opened the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

Roll Call

Directors Present: Chairman Michael Vietzke, Dir. Robin Adams, and Dir. Rex Lesueur

Directors Absent: Dir. Troy Waddell

Staff Present: Chief Erick Holsey and Asst. Chief Dan Daugherty

Staff Absent: Office Manager Tammie Waters

Approve consent agenda-Chief Holsey stated that he added the ORS for Executive Session for personnel issues, which is what the directors have been discussing, if they can or can't go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues, but since the candidates are not present, it doesn't make a difference. Chief Holsey recommended that the directors go into Executive Session to consult with legal and discuss the encrypted email message communication, comments were made regarding the encryption and issues some directors had opening it.

New Business

- A. Review letters of interest from potential candidates-Chief Holsey stated that he has received a letter of interest from Jim Landles and Jeremy Johnson. Also, stated that he reached out to both candidates and asked for a resume and did not receive one from Jim Landles, but did receive one from Jeremy Johnson. Dir. Adams commented that she asked the SDAO trainer regarding if there was a conflict of interest if Jeremy Johnson was a board director. A discussion ensued regarding the need for Jeremy Johnson to recuse himself if there was a conflict due to the business relationship the district has with Integrity Auto.

Action: Dir. Adams moved to remove the standing motion to table the discussion regarding the vacant board director position; seconded by Dir. Lesueur. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Action: Dir. Lesueur made a motion to discuss the appointment of Jeremy Johnson to board position #2; seconded by Dir. Adams.

Make appointment for director position as per policy #100.07- A discussion ensued regarding if Jeremy Johnson would have the capacity to fulfill the board expectations for attendance with meetings, workshops, etc. Also, it was stated that he doesn't want to run at the next election and this is just to fulfill the term of the board director vacancy. Chief Holsey stated it was only for 10 months until the next election period in 2024 according to Oregon statute. Dir. Adams commented that she wanted more clarification and thought it wasn't until the end of the term of the vacant board position, which is 6/30/25. Chief Holsey stated it is in ORS 198.33 and Dir. Adams read the district policy and the consensus was to get further clarification due to the fact that it can be interpreted differently. Chief Holsey will notify Jim Landles and Jeremy Johnson of the decision.

Good of the Order-none

Adjourn to Executive Session at 9:38 a.m.

Executive Session pursuant ORS 192.660 (2)(h) to consult with legal counsel and discuss encryption software.

Executive Session adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

Adjourn public session at 9:50 a.m.

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

Date Presented to Board and Approval

September 14, 2023

Board Secretary



Board President

