

Eugene Rural Fire Protection District #1
Board Meeting, March 12, 2024, 3:00 PM
Location 32250 Fox Hollow Rd.

Minutes

Items in *italics* are quoted from the Agenda prepared by Ron Apling.

- I. *Present:* Board members: Ron Apling - President, Tom Moffett- Vice President;
Nancy Halter- Treasurer; Maureen McClain- At Large; Steve Newcomb- Secretary
- II. *Revisions / Approval of Minutes.*
Minutes for February 13 approved.
Motion: to approve – Approve; Apling, Moffett, Halter. Abstain; Newcomb, McClain
- III. *Treasurer's report*
 - a) *Account Balances - reported by Nancy Halter*

<i>Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP)</i>	\$ 1,057,302.33 as of 02/29/24
<i>Bank checking account</i>	\$ 5,194.47 as of 02/29/24
<i>Total</i>	\$ 1,062,496.80 as of 02/29/24

Nancy presented the checkbook and statements to confirm amounts are correct.
 - b) *Outstanding bills/expenses:*
 1. Streamline website pd \$ 75.00
 2. Jones and Roth (Audit) pd \$ 7,600.00
- IV. *Correspondence*
 - a) 2024 Best Practices Program (SDAO)
 - b) SDAO Membership Dues – noted October Rate changes.
- V. *New Business:*
 - a) City Fire Contract for FY 2025 needs a modification to the name of the Eugene Rural Fire Protection District #1 which was corrected by the City of Eugene and sent back to ERFPD #1 for signatures.
 - b) Discussed potential tax levy rate for next fiscal year as part of the FY 2025 budget development. The District has accumulated enough money to cover an additional 1-year of the Fire/emergency Services contract with the City of Eugene. The Board investigated ways to reduce the tax rate recommendation for 2025 to reduce the rate and maintain the current buffer. Historically the District has reduced rates and seen an almost immediate decrease in reserves that required a rate increase for the following year. The Board worked on several tax rate recommendations to understand what rate might result in a neutral effect on reserves. Our modeling of several different rates indicated a rate of \$2.35 per thousand assessed should result in a neutral effect on reserves for the next couple of years unless the Fire contract with the City of Eugene increases more than a few percent.
- VI. *Unfinished Business:*
 - a) Reviewed Fire/Emergency services charges that may appear on property tax bills for residents in our District. These are ERFPD #1, Fire Patrol West and Fire Patrol Emergency West which are all separate charges.
- VII. *Annual Calendar review / Publish budget materials for April Budget meeting with Budget Committee.* The Budget Committee needs 5 people from the District to participate with the Board in budget development. The Board discussed inviting 5 people to attend as Budget Committee members.

VII. *Next Meeting is:*

Date/Time /Location

Date: **April 09** Time: **3:00 PM** Location: **85201 Christensen Rd**

Adjourn; At 4:15 pm, Ron Apling adjourned the meeting