

IRRIGON RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: 02/09/2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. Present were, Director Robert Vandecar, Director Paul Martin, Director Tom Arbuckle

Members not present: Director Bledsoe, Director Scott Ezell

Also present were Captain Samantha Ward and Charlene Cooley, Recordkeeper.

Guests present: Boardman Chief Mike Hughes,
Online,

General Meeting Minutes from February 09, 2025, motion made by Director Arbuckle to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Director Martin.

Those voting yes, Directors Arbuckle, Vandecar, and Martin.

Those voting no, none.

Motion carried.

Public Comment – Chief Hughes attended the meeting

Stephanie Case, Irrigon resident – wanted to voice some concerns regarding Umatilla Fire and asked if other departments have been reached to assistance. Director Martin answered yes to this question.

Public Hearing – None

Chief's/Officer Report -

Training Officer's Report –

Bills Payable –Bills Payable were reviewed, discussed and moved to approve by Director Arbuckle, seconded by Director Martin.

Those voting yes: Directors Arbuckle, Vandecar, and Martin

Those voting no: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence – None

Old Business

❖ Grant / Project Updates

- Good Shepherd Grant – Waiting for last of the items to be shipped and received then final report will be sent in.
- Wildhorse – Invitation to annual luncheon on May 12, Director Martin will attend on IRFPD's behalf.
- Captain Ward has a few grants coming up that we can apply for, but she won't have time before leaving the department.
- Vehicle Fleet Update – Captain Ward discussed specific items on each piece of equipment that needs to be addressed.
- Awards Banquet – Board Chair commented that it was a fun event and well received.

New Business

- SDAO training – Director's Bledsoe and Vandecar are signed up to attend.
 - motion made by Director Arbuckle to pay for this training, seconded by Director Martin.
Those voting yes, Directors Arbuckle, Vandecar, and Martin.

- Board Chair announced the separation of Chief Roberts and discussed his request to keep his dress blues and helmet that were purchased by IRFPD.
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- Those voting no, none.
- Motion carried.

Executive Session ORS 192.660 (2)(b)

Opened Exec Session at 7:28 PM

Closed Exec Session at 8:48 PM

Items Not on Agenda – Extractor and Drier, vortex drying cabinet from Life Safety, reviewed and discussed the proposal for this equipment.

Director Martin moved to approve the purchase of the extractor and dryer for the department, Director Arbuckle seconded the motion.

Those voting yes: Directors Arbuckle, Vandecar, and Martin

Those voting no: None

Motion Carried

Announcements –

There was no further business. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Next Meeting March 09, 2026, 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlene Cooley,
District Clerk/Recordkeeper