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## Dexter Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors Meeting

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### Meeting of the Board of Directors In person October 21, 2025

**Call to Order:** Board Chair Bob Holland called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

**Present:** Directors Bob Holland, Larry Severance, Larry Swartz, and Tim Strinz

**Absent:** Rich Stronach

**Staff:** Chief Wooldridge & Haley Meshnik

**Guests:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes:** The Board reviewed the Board Meeting minutes of September 16, 2025. Director Larry Swartz moved to accept the minutes. Director Larry Severance seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Review and Bill Approval:** The Board reviewed the financial statements and district bills. Director Larry Swartz made a motion to approve the financial statements and pay the districts bills. Director Tim Strinz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Correspondence:**

**Chief's Report:** Chief provided his report.

*\*The Board reviewed the Fire Chief's Reports, which were attached as addendums and are available on file.*

- Staffing: Their new resident has moved in, and we have 4-6 people signed up for the next academy.
- Responses: 35 Calls in September. Eight mutual aid and two fire related.
- General Updates: State ended fire season with 8 declared conflagrations and 7 Immediate Response. Last year the state at 1.9 Mil acres of fires and this year it was 345K acres.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Operating Levy Renewal:** October 31<sup>st</sup> Open House/Trunk or Treat/Food Drive and working with the local Catholic Church.

**Fire Season Idea and ODF:** Oregon Department of Forestry is considering making fire season more predictable and declaring it June 1<sup>st</sup>-October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Grant to Purchase New Medical Bags:** The district received a grant from Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation to buy new medical bags.

**Paid Leave Oregon Policy 2.11.5 Final Reading and Approval:**

*Director Tim Strinz moved to adopt the Paid Leave Oregon Policy 2.11.5. Director Larry Severance seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

**Oakridge Mutual Aid Meeting:** Chief Wooldridge shared that they met last week and Oakridge likes the idea of automatic aid from the lower Hwy 58 fire districts for working structure fires only. The next step is a document spelling out the new auto agreement.

**Ambulance Funding Task Force:** Chief Wooldridge shared that at the Fre Defense meeting there was a discussion on how to maintain ambulance service in Lane County that is sustainable long term. There was a discussion about a possible small ambulance tax to help support the service. A discussion ensued.

**New Business:**

**Saif Audit:** Chief Wooldridge shared that we have the Saif audit tomorrow.

**Resolution 12-2025 Accepting funds for the Flat Fire**

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*Director Larry Swartz moved to approve Resolution 12-2025 Accepting funds for the Flat Fire of \$58,905.75. Director Tim Strinz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

**Resolution 13-2025 Accepting Grant Funds from Cow Creek Band Umpqua Indian Foundation.**

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*Director Larry Swartz moved to approve Resolution 13-2025 Accepting Cow Creek Band Umpqua Indian Foundation of \$1,267, for the new medical bags. Director Larry Severance seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

The next Board meeting will be on November 18th at 4pm.

**Adjournment:** Director Larry Swartz motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:21 pm. Director Tim Strinz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Executive Assistant  
Haley Meshnik