



CENTRAL CASCADES FIRE & EMS

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2026

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I. **Opening of Meeting**

President – John Gartland

- ✓ Meeting called to Order @ 2:00 pm/Welcome
- ✓ Pledge of Allegiance
- ✓ Roll Call – 5 Board Members present

- John Gartland, President
- Mike Dolan, Vice President
- Sue Ward, Secretary
- Brad Kahler, Treasurer
- Paula Elissondoberry, Director

Also in attendance:

- Steve Silva, SDIS Special Districts Insurance Services – by Zoom
 - Tim Cramblit, Deputy Chief – by Zoom
 - Andy Fischer, Training Officer
 - Mark Russell, Budget Committee/ Community Member
 - Lindsay Lowen, Paramedic /EMS Officer – by Zoom
 - James Wilson, Crescent RFPD Chief
 - Gerald “Corky” Webb, Crescent RFPD Board President
- ✓ Agenda Review/Additions – none.
 - ✓ President’s Items & Correspondence – none.
 - ✓ Request for Public Comments – none.

- II. **SDAO, Steve Silva** – 2026 Insurance Review. Steve’s been with WHA for 12 years & in the insurance business for 17-18 years. We’ve had 5 years of increases due to catastrophic events in our insurance pool. Discussed increasing deductibles to reduce premiums. Brad will be sent items shown during presentation.

III. **Secretary’s Report**

Secretary, Sue Ward

- ✓ January 15, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – These were emailed out to the Board for review in advance. **Motion made by Brad to accept Secretary’s Report with revisions; Second by Mike; no further Discussion; Vote unanimous (John, Mike, Sue, Brad, and Paula); Motion carried.** Noted that we will begin to save all recordings.

IV. **Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer, Brad Kahler

- ✓ Reviewed Current Reports - Reconciliation Report includes the Summary & Detail through 02/03/2026; Local Government Investment Group Account List thru 02/14/2026; US Bank Journal thru 02/14/2026; Monthly and Yearly Profit & Loss Statements for 2025-2026 thru 02/14/2026. Food/Beverage issue being reviewed currently in legislation so nothing will change for now. **Motion made by Paula to accept Treasurer’s Report as presented; Second by Sue; no further Discussion; Vote unanimous (John, Mike, Sue, Brad, and Paula); Motion carried.** Sue signed the Reconciliation Report.

V. Operations Reports

- ✓ Various Items/Activities
 - Andy – Reviewed monthly Training Officer’s Report. (attached) Updated call #s per recent activity.
 - Tim – Reviewed monthly Operations Report. (attached) \$35,000 coming from FEMA grant. Tim has spent 40-60 hours on grants since last meeting.
 - Brad – Steve Probst has offered assistance in remote area calls. Brad has also spent many hours on projects. Discussion on the benefit of having a 3 phase generator, and solar installation for approximately \$105,000 which could result in a 30% tax credit. Board to study information Brad will send.
 - Lindsay – Nothing to report.
- ✓ Community Region/Events
 - Snow Days were canceled due to lack of snow.

VI. Unfinished Business

All

- ✓ Ethics Law Policy & Sample – Mike reports SDAO Conference was great and there was much talk about the Food & Beverage policy.
- ✓ Social Media & Networking Policy – DRAFT review, to be formatted similar to our policies for review and discussion next meeting.
- ✓ Network Cameras/Switch – New camera server installed last week along with additional cameras.
- ✓ Additional Policy issues on next agenda (see Tim’s email of 02/17/2026).

VII. New Business

All

- ✓ Cadet Policies and Best Practices – Andy will review SDIS Self-Assessment to be sure we are in compliance.
- ✓ Chief Wilson suggested that, to enable our stated goal of student sharing, our 2 Boards participate in a workshop to discuss our 2 District’s interrelationship to have a clear command structure, etc. Chief Wilson will provide an agenda and summary of past relations between us. March 19th at 1:00 pm before our Board Meeting was decided upon.

VIII. Good of the Order

- ✓ Chief Wilson shared that Basin Transit will begin Basin Connect North, at no charge, connecting Beaver Marsh to Bend, and including Crescent Lake Junction, but a call must be made the day before to arrange.

IX. Public Comments

- ✓ None.

X. Confirm Next Meeting & Adjournment

- ✓ It was agreed that we will change to a 5:00 pm start time at the April Board Meeting.
- ✓ The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Thursday, March 19th, 2026 @ 2:00 pm.
- ✓ Meeting adjourned @ 3:34 pm.

John Gartland, President

File: Meeting Agenda
Secretary’s Report
Treasurer’s Reports
Training Officer’s Report – Training, Personnel, Calls
CCF Board Report – Operations, Grants