SW Polk Fire District
Regular Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2026 – 15455 Salt Creek Rd. Dallas, OR 97338

Board Members Present	Board Members Absent
SW Polk Fire District Frank Pender Jake Rosenbalm Tom Gilson (V) Brad Weaver Bob Davis (V)	
	Administration Present
	Fred Hertel Sheila Peirce

Virtual- (V) Arrives after roll call- (ARC)

GENERAL BUSINESS		
Call to Order		Frank Pender opens the meeting at 6pm. SW Polk Fire District has a quorum of directors and will allow deliberation, decision making, and will take public comments per the posted agenda. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited during the regular board meeting.
Roll Call		Sheila Peirce called roll as delineated above.
Approval of Minutes	*Discussion/Action*	The board reviewed the minutes for January 8, 2026, Regular Meeting. **Motion** Davis **Second** Gilson *I move to accept the proposed minutes as the official minutes of our regular board meeting on 01/08,2026.* **Motion Passes with yes vote from Pender, Weaver, Gilson, Davis and Rosenbalm.**
Financial Report	*Discussion/Action*	The board reviewed the December financials. **Motion** Davis **Second** Weaver *I reviewed the December bank statements and financial reports, I move to approve the financials as presented.* **Motion Passes with yes vote from Pender, Weaver, Gilson, Davis and Rosenbalm.** The board reviewed the January financials. **Motion** Davis **Second** Weaver *I reviewed the January bank statements and financial reports, I move to approve the financials as presented.* **Motion Passes with yes vote from Pender, Weaver, Gilson, Davis and Rosenbalm.**
Audience Participation		N/A

Old Business		
A. Lexipol Policies Updates	*Discussion/Action*	The board reviewed the updates in the Lexipol policies. **Motion** *Pender* **Second** Weaver *I move to adopt the updates to Lexipol's policies as presented.* **Motion Passes with yes vote from Pender, Weaver, Gilson, Davis and Rosenbalm.**
B. Letter on Mutual Aid Billing Update	*Tabled*	
New Business		
A. SDAO Advisory Services	Discussion	The board reviewed the schedule that was presented by David Ulbricht from SDAO Advisory Services.
B. Resolution 2025-26-04 Local Option Levy Renewal	Discussion/Action	The board reviewed the Resolution 2025-26-04 Local Option Levy Replacement. **Motion** Davis **Second** Gilson I *move to adopt Resolution 2025-26-04 Local Option Levy Replacement and give the Fire Chief authority to sign all necessary forms.* **Motion Passes with yes vote from Pender, Weaver, Gilson, Davis and Rosenbalm.**
C. Union Negotiations Committee Board Rep	Discussion	Pender appointed Gilson as the Board Representative for the Union negotiations.
D. Budget Calendar	Discussion	The board reviewed the budget calendar.
E. Audit	Tabled	
Chief's Report	Discussion	SDAO Best Practices came out today with a questionnaire for board members; a link will be sent out tomorrow. Layoff notices have been given out. Two people have resigned. Feb 27th auto loads will be here. Litigations have started with Fackler. Mediation is set for next month. Annexations have been going slowly, but we are in process with the DOR sending our consents to them for approval. Closest Unit Model response is being discussed in the ASA Committee.
Director Comments	Discussion	No Comment
Meeting Adjournment		**Meeting adjourned at 7:06pm**