SW Polk Fire District
Regular Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2026 – 15455 Salt Creek Rd. Dallas, OR 97338

Board Members Present	Board Members Absent
SW Polk Fire District Frank Pender Tom Gilson Bob Davis(V) Jake Rosenbalm	Brad Weaver
	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 July 9, 2026, Regular Meeting **Motion** Davis **Second** Rosenbalm *I move to approve the minutes for July 9, 2026, Regular Board Meeting.* *Rosenbalm, seconds with it wanting to be stated that he would like to see more information on the discussions put into the minutes.* **Motion Passes with yes vote from Pender, Gilson, Davis, Rosenbalm.**
Financial Report	*Discussion/Action*	The board reviewed July and August financial reports. **Motion** Davis **Second** Glison *I reviewed July and August bank statements and financial reports, I move to approve the financials as presented* *.* **Motion Passes with yes vote from Pender, Gilson, Davis, and Rosenbalm.**
Audience Participation		None
Executive Session		*To review and evaluate the performance of an officer, employee, or staff member if the person does not request an open meeting. This reason for executive session may not be used to do a general evaluation of an agency goal, objective or operation or any directive to personnel concerning these subjects. ORS 162.660(2)(i) and 192.660(8)*

Old Business		
A. Letter on Mutual Aid Billing	*Discussion/Action*	
New Business		
A. Surplus Trailer	*Discussion/Action*	The board discussed to surplus the trailer from Bridgeport station. Would it be better to put the trailer in Rickreall instead of the bunk trailer. Staff is 50/50 on which trailer they want to sleep in. People from the district have shown interest in buying it but that would need to be voted on tonight because that would be a different process. **Motion** Davis **Second** Gilson *I move to surplus the trailer used at Bridgeport Fire Station* **Motion Passes with yes vote from Pender, Gilson, Davis and Rosenbalm**
B. Annexation SB1068 Resolution 2026-27-02	*Discussion/Action*	The board discussed the annexation process with an order annexing certain property. **Motion** Rosenbalm **Second** Gilson *I move to adopt Resolution 2026-27-02 – An Order Annexing Certain Property.* **Motion Passes with yes vote from Pender, Gilson, Davis and Rosenbalm.**
C. Asa Consideration	*Discussion/Action*	Cost of Mutual aid and guarantee 24/7 365 per ALS guidelines is running the district to the ground. Commissioners have a pilot program for the closest unit. The Polk County Commissioners didn't give us what we needed to maintain an ASA area. In Chiefs opinion, to vacate the ASA but not to give up our ambulance. Mutual aid would not factor in if we didn't have an ASA. Revenue would come from our normal billing system. What would be the loss in revenue if we did this. We made $470,000 on ambulance but to maintain the ambulance is a million. They require a 6-month notice to vacate the ASA. But we have not signed an agreement technically so we could give 60-90-day notice. This would be an ultimatum for the Commissioners to decide whether they will make it more financially stable as promised in the Asa agreement. Rosenbalm and Gilson want to see some financial details and what our staff would look like and make a decision next month. Find out if we are bound to the 6-month notice. *Give directions to have the Chief bring us the financials of what this would look like with the ASA or without and decide at*

		the next board meeting or have a special meeting to discuss this
Chief's Report	Discussion	• House 3940 changing the taxing rule. Should see some more taxes. • Rod Watson memorial is Sept 19th at 2pm at Salt Creek Baptist Church. • Mike Anderson memorial is on Sept 18th in Salem • A local electric company approached us to put in an EV charging station at Salt Creek Station with a grant from Pacific Power. We would not have to put any of our own funds into building the station. Our cost would be having attorneys look at the contract we would have electric company pay for if a cost accrues. Schedule a special zoom meeting for Thursday at noon.
Director Comments	Discussion	Rosenbalm – Levy in November but if we wait until May, we will be competing with the Polk County Sheriff's levy ask. Concerned about spending the settlement money on other things rather than the buildings. Reviewing the volunteer program. Directed to President Pender – How can we get something put on the agenda.
Meeting Adjournment		**Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm**