

# SILVERTON FIRE DISTRICT

## MINUTES

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING 7:00 P.M. May 12, 2026  
Silverton Fire District Station #1 (Silverton)

### I. ROLL CALL:

Les Von Flue, President  
Stacy Palmer, Vice President  
Robert Mengucci, Secretary-Treasurer

Dixon Bledsoe, Director  
Phil Sowa, Director

### ABSENT:

Robert Mengucci, Secretary-Treasurer and Phill Sowa, Director

### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Miles, Office Administrator (OA) Cantu, AC Veit, BC Pilmore, BC Terhaar, FF Miller

### II. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

President Von Flue called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

### III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

#### a) **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

Director Bledsoe made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2026 board meeting as amended. Vice President Palmer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

*(President Von Flue: Aye, Vice President Palmer: Aye, Director Bledsoe: Aye)*

#### b) **Budget Committee Meeting Minutes**

Director Bledsoe made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2026 budget meeting. Vice President Palmer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

*(President Von Flue: Aye, Vice President Palmer: Aye, Director Bledsoe: Aye)*

### V. OPEN FORUM:

a) Vice President Palmer thanked the Silverton Fire District, specifically FF Miller and FF Peterson, for their work assisting with hanging flower baskets around the City of Silverton.

b) Director Bledsoe expressed his thanks to Chief Miles and all who assisted for the work done on the budget.

- c) OA Cantu recognized Chief Miles and Kaylee Spencer for their work on getting newsletters out to the public. There is an Annual Report that goes out to the community that highlights what has gone on throughout the year, including call data. Additionally, there is a bi-annual newsletter that goes out that highlights community safety initiatives. This spring's topic was wildfire awareness. All newsletters are available online.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS:**

*No old business.*

**VII. FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT:**

- a) **Check Summary**
- b) **Departmental Expense Report**
- c) **Bank Account Balance Comparison**

Vice President Palmer made a motion to approve the finance officer's report as presented. Director Bledsoe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

*(President Von Flue: Aye, Vice President Palmer: Aye, Director Bledsoe: Aye)*

**VIII. CHIEF'S REPORT**

**a) Monthly Report**

Chief Miles provided the Board with a brief update on the monthly report, highlighting progress on the brush truck projects. The chassis for the donated brush truck has been picked up and delivered to Eugene for installation of the body. The first brush truck has returned to Station 1 for mounting of water tank, pump and plumbing work before it goes in for upfitting of emergency lighting and radios, with an anticipated in-service date of August. The donated brush truck is expected to be placed in service by October.

Silverton Fire District was invited to attend a preconstruction meeting today to review site improvements at the Eastview Lane radio tower site with the contractor, Summit Solutions. This is part of the tower site upgrades for the Marion County Radio Project. This contract spans over four radio tower locations, working on site improvements. At the East View Lane location, there is a new generator going in, insulation, and a mini-split HVAC unit being installed among other upgrades to accommodate the new radio equipment being installed. The Marion County Commissioners are supposed to sign this contract on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026, with the expectation that work will be starting shortly thereafter.

President Von Flue inquired after the hiring process for the Firefighter/EMT position. Chief Miles announced that the position was offered to Matt Guenther. Matt has been a volunteer for Silverton Fire District for four years. He has been working as a diesel mechanic for several years, and has recently acquired his EMT. His planned start date is June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

Silverton Fire District has received the Upstaffing Grant again this year. This will assist the fire district with coverage during the upcoming fire season. There is more detail regarding this grant included in the board packet.

There are three new support volunteers expected to come on board within the next month. Vice President Palmer asked where volunteers are typically recruited from, and AC Veit explained that the district primarily reaches new volunteers through word of mouth. Six members also graduated from the 2026 Academy at the end of April. In addition, with the school year coming to a close, there will be changes among the Resident Volunteers. Currently, six Resident Volunteers live at the station; however, a couple of them will be

graduating from the Chemeketa Fire Program and moving out of the station, though they will continue responding from home.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business was brought forth.

**XI. ITEMS PENDING:**

**a) SDAO Best Practice Checklist**

OA Cantu sent out an email with information for the Best Practice Checklist. All board members need to participate in the Ethics class prior to November for the District to be able to receive a 2% discount. If a board member has already participated in the class prior to this year, please forward the certificate to OA Cantu.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Approved this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026.

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President

Minutes recorded and prepared by Kaylee Spencer