SILVERTON FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING 7:00 P.M. October 13th, 2026
Silverton Fire District Station #8 (Scotts Mills Station)

I. **ROLL CALL:**

Les Von Flue, President
Stacy Palmer, Vice President
Robert Mengucci, Secretary-Treasurer (Zoom)
Dixon Bledsoe, Director
Phil Sowa, Director

ABSENT:
All members were present.

IN ATTENDANCE:
Chief Miles, AC Veit, OA Cantu, BC Terhaar, LT. Brown, FF Isherwood, FF Peterson

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 September 8, 2026, board meeting. Secretary Treasurer Mengucci seconded the motion. The motion carried with four ayes and one abstention.

(President Von Flue: Aye, Vice President Palmer: Aye, Secretary-Treasurer Mengucci, Director Bledsoe: Abstained, Director Sowa: Aye)

V. **OPEN FORUM:**

a) Vice President Palmer thanked FF Peterson and the crew that assisted with taking down flower baskets.

VI. **OLD BUSINESS:**

a) **Fire Chief Work Back Discussion**
President Von Flue led the discussion on the Fire Chief's proposed work-back arrangement. Chief Miles presented the proposal and summarized its key points. The Board agreed to review the proposal further and aimed to make a formal decision at its November meeting.

Director Sowa asked Office Administrator Cantu to share the Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO) recommendations for hiring a fire chief and to help arrange a meeting with the consultant who presented on fire chief recruitment at the SDAO conference. Office Administrator Cantu was also asked to obtain the current Fire Chief job description for the Board's review.

VII. FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT:

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

In response to Director Bledsoe's question about the report, Office Administrator Cantu explained that bank balances would fluctuate as the District received conflagration reimbursements and property tax revenue.

Director Bledsoe moved to approve the Finance Officer's Report as presented. Vice President Palmer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(President Von Flue: Aye, Vice President Palmer: Aye, Secretary-Treasurer Mengucci: Aye, Director Bledsoe: Aye, Director Sowa: Aye)

VIII. CHIEF'S REPORT:

a) Chief Report

Chief Miles reviewed the Chief's Report, highlighting the District's exploration of municipal leases for new apparatus, the latest newsletter, and an updated list of conflagrations. He reported that the District hosted the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office for a Fire Prevention Week media event, where Lt. Heuchert gave a lithium battery demonstration. Chief Miles thanked Lt. Brown, Assistant Chief Veit, and the volunteers for their work during the open houses. Several prospective volunteers visited the stations during the events.

At Chief Miles's invitation, Lt. Brown provided an update on recruitment and onboarding for the upcoming academy. He reported that two new resident volunteers were completing onboarding and that most incoming volunteers would serve in the areas around Stations 8 and 9, increasing volunteer staffing in the North Battalion. Marion County accepted the District's invitation to participate in the academy.

President Von Flue asked about a site inspection Chief Miles had attended. Chief Miles clarified that the inspection was for a local business owner.

Vice President Palmer asked about fire apparatus access and hydrant placement for the Main Street Project. Chief Miles said he had provided comments during the planning stage and that a meeting with the City was planned to discuss fire access. Vice President Palmer expressed concern about traffic patterns.

Chief Miles reminded the Board about the upcoming Chicken Dinner and noted that the flyer was included in the board packet.

b) Grant Awards

Chief Miles recognized Assistant Chief Veit for his work on two recent grant awards and invited him to brief the Board. Assistant Chief Veit reported that the grants totaled approximately $180,000.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant will fund the replacement of the District's self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) compressor and filling station, which the District received in 1998. Neighboring fire districts also use the equipment periodically.

The Portland General Electric Drive Change Fund grant will fund the purchase of an electric vehicle for public outreach and travel to training. The District plans to use the vehicle for its Smoke Detector, Life Jacket, and Defensible Space programs. Assistant Chief Veit noted that using the vehicle would reduce fuel costs for those trips. Vice President Palmer asked

whether the District would need to contribute toward the purchase. Assistant Chief Veit confirmed that the grant would cover the full purchase price.

IX. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) Audit Presentation, Accuity LLC

Kori Sarrett of Accuity LLC presented the 2026 audit report via Zoom. She reviewed the Management's Discussion and Analysis section, which compares the District's financial results with the prior year and summarizes significant activity during the year. She also discussed fund carryover, property tax revenue, and how the financial results compared with the budget. Sarrett thanked Office Administrator Cantu for preparing the audit documentation and noted that Silverton Fire District was one of two fire districts that required no audit adjustments for the prior year.

Office Administrator Cantu thanked Sarrett and her team for their communication and guidance on GASB Statement No. 103, which helped her and Chief Miles prepare the information presented to the Board. President Von Flue thanked Accuity on behalf of the Board for its work on the audit.

Sarrett also reported that the Fire Chief Foundation awarded a grant to the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association (OFCA) to establish the Oregon Executive Leadership Academy. The academy is intended to prepare future fire service leaders as current fire chiefs retire. Sarrett said the first round of applications would be accepted in October.

Vice President Palmer asked where the public could find the most recent audit report. Office Administrator Cantu said the report would be posted on the District's website following the auditor's presentation to the Board.

X. **ITEMS PENDING:**

Fire Chief work-back proposal for further review at the November Board meeting.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Approved this 10th day of November, 2026.

Les Von Flue

President

Minutes recorded and prepared by Kaylee Spencer