

CENTRAL OREGON COAST FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT  
LOCATED AT: 125 E. ALSEA HWY.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MAY 28, 2026

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Central Oregon Coast Fire & Rescue District Board of Directors was called to order by President MacCulloch at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2026.

## 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. MacCulloch led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## 3. ROLL CALL

Directors present were Judy Thimakis, Jon MacCulloch, Reda Eckerman, Rick Booth, and Greg Dunn. A quorum was present.

## 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Dr. Thimakis, seconded by Mrs. Eckerman, to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting on April 16, 2026 and the Budget Committee meeting on May 21, 2026 as presented; motion carried with Mr. Booth approving just the Board meeting as he did not attend the Budget meeting.

## 5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None.

## 6. REPORTS

**Staff.** Maintenance Officer Knudson will have more to report at the next meeting; right now he is working on getting water at Tidewater. **Volunteers.** Ms. Rush reported that Bingo will be a week late in June, on June 26, so as not to interfere with Beachcombers. Two \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to two high school students, and both recipients are planning to go into nursing. Two more volunteers are in the process of being added. **Union.** Union Representative Stay thanked the Board for their cooperation and patience and the membership for coming together on the Union contract negotiations. It was really appreciated.

## 7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

No report. As the Committee is not serving any purpose at the present time it was decided that this agenda item will be removed until needed.

## 8. FINANCE REPORT

Office Administrator Rush presented the finance report. It's the end of the year so not much money coming in although there should be more taxes later. April income was \$16,608.72, but mostly prior taxes. Expenses have been about the same as usual except for a little extra for the jet skis to get them ready for the season. She emailed a draft of the audit to the directors today; there will still be some changes, and there will be some resolutions for next month. Moved by Mrs. Eckerman, seconded by Mr. Dunn, to accept the financial report and pay the bills; motion carried.

## 9. OLD BUSINESS

None.

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

**Nightshade Solutions Contract.** This is basically the same contract which we had before with EF Recovery, who have changed their name to Nightshade Solutions. One new addition is to not bill residents *unless negligence is determined*. Moved by Mrs. Eckerman, seconded by Mr. Booth, to accept and approve the new contract between Central Oregon Coast Fire & Rescue and Nightshade Solutions; motion carried.

**USDA Grant.** Chief Mason explained that these were documents telling what we are doing, the costs, etc., for our side of the grant, with a letter of intent. Moved by Mrs. Eckerman, seconded by Dr. Thimakis, to approve the Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions to USDA Rural Development; motion carried. Mrs. Eckerman extended congratulations on the good work that went into all the detail; Captain Knudson did most of it. Chief Mason will be contacting the USDA next week about the funding and Captain Knudson will be contacting architects to get approval for the drawings for the necessary permits. Mr. MacCulloch suggested getting Rep. Val Hoyle here for the first shovel; Chief Mason planned to have her after completion; Mrs. Eckerman suggested doing both. Mr. MacCulloch thinks it a great opportunity to show the public the work being done at no cost to them.

**Collective Bargaining Agreement.** Mr. MacCulloch reported that he and Dr. Thimakis had met with Captain Stay and the other Union members and appreciated everyone who had been involved. They were familiar with the finances and understood what wanted to be done and what could be done. The entire document was looked at and cleaned up and clarified. His partner, Laura Matthews, has gone through and edited and updated it; currently everything in red will be removed and everything in green printed in black, followed by a final complete edit. Captain Stay said the Union is okay with this. Moved by Mrs. Eckerman, seconded by Dr. Thimakis, to approve the contract between the Union and the District as written with the green highlights added to the contract and the red highlights removed from the contract; motion carried.

## 11. CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Mason is working on a couple of grants, an ODF asking for extrication equipment and another asking for a fire prevention/recruitment retention position for two years. It would

be a temporary position; we wouldn't have funds to carry it on but it would be a good start. One of the staff got a copy of a similar grant from another district to use as a model. Waiting on the USDA grant and still waiting for the fan from Leary. We got notified we got a grant from Three Rivers for a second fan. The PPE grant can be closed when the equipment is shipped in July. The Wildland check came but is being held until 7/1 for the new budget; he will hire then for July through October. He is still working on the ODF grant for wildland equipment and some PPE. Rep. Gomberg's grant has been awarded but not received. There is no surplus.

We are in the middle of engine operations and wildland prep; he expects a heavy season because of the low moisture levels. ODF will let us know when to close burning, probably early. The budget draft will be put in final form for June. He is working on the ordinance for driveway permits, waiting for everyone to be on the same page in order to finish. Workers Comp finalized their review and it is coming in \$5,000 less than planned. As long as we keep doing good the rate should keep going down. He is very busy getting ready for the season and working on grants and budgets. Call volume is up.

## 12. GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Rush reported that her OASOA group had heard about the fire and sent a card they could look at. She reminded the Board that the June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at 4:30 as the Red Cross will be using the room for their blood drive. Captain Stay asked about attendance at the Three Rivers grant award ceremony; Chief Mason plans on going.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jan K. Hansen, Recording Secretary

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Chair