

Central Oregon Coast Fire & Rescue District Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: February 19, 2026

Location: 125 NW Alsea Hwy., Live-Stream Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Central Oregon Coast Fire and Rescue District Board of Directors was called to order by President MacCulloch at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 19, 2026. He explained the procedure for participation by online viewers of the meeting.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. ROLL CALL

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mrs. Eckerman, seconded by Mr. Booth, to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of January 15, 2026 as presented; motion carried.

5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

6. REPORTS

Staff Report – Captain Knudson

- Brush Truck #2 is at Tidewater getting a black top like the rest of the fleet
- Will do a fleet software presentation next month

Administration – Office Administrator Rush

Not present; no report

Union – Captain Stay

No report

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. MacCulloch reported that at the last Committee meeting two weeks ago the Yachats Fire District feels that with the current changes taking place they need to take a step back, so things are in a holding pattern for now until they are ready to come back and meet again.

8. FINANCE REPORT

Mr. MacCulloch commented that he liked the new format; it's concise and easy to follow. Moved by Mrs. Eckerman, seconded by Dr. Thimakis, to accept the finance report as presented and pay the bills; motion carried.

9. OLD BUSINESS

None.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Budget Calendar. Mr. MacCulloch reviewed the budget calendar submitted by Chief Mason. The Committee will be appointed at the March meeting.

11. CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Mason reported that none of the FEMA grants went through. With Representative Hoyle's grant, they met with the USDA yesterday to start the paperwork. It's estimated that it will probably take six months to get, but they have to get estimates to submit. There is no deadline for spending. As the projects are done we submit paperwork and USDA pays the contractors. We will have to do the standard three bids, but only for projects over \$350,000; that is also the trigger for BOLI. We will have to follow the guidelines for "Buy America First". The main thing right now is establishing a priority list.

When the Academy ends next week the Ford Family grant will be closing down. He signed the contract with the Leary Foundation; they do all the paperwork and just send the equipment. The Siletz Tribe PPE grant is finishing up and will be closed out. We

testified last Friday for Rep. Gomberg's grant and now are just waiting for confirmation. Operationally we are working on our mandated legal training for the year. With the Academy closing out there will be a new training calendar starting in March; it will include Wildland training. Chief Mason is well on the way for the draft budget; 27 pages so far. The Academy has been doing great and graduation is next Thursday. There are five in the class, and the one from Newport will also be a volunteer for Central Coast so that means five new recruits for us.

12. GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MacCulloch commented that they have really come far on Union negotiations and hope to have something to present next month. Mrs. Eckerman asked if there were enough Budget Committee members; they will be appointed next month. There has been one application for the Civil Service Committee.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan K. Hansen, Recording Secretary

Approved:

Board Chair