



Boardman Fire Rescue District Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2026
Boardman Fire Station 81
911 S.W. Tatone St. – P.O. Box 2, Boardman, OR 97818

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & ROLL CALL: 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Directors: President Lisa Pratt, Vice President Loren Dieter, Directors David Boor, James Ratzlaff, and Mike Sowa
Staff: Fire Chief Mike Hughes, Battalion Chief/Training Officer Sam Irons, Fire Marshal Marty Broadbent, Captain Jeremy Gierke, Firefighter/Medic Mae Larmier, Firefighter and Executive Assistant Suzanne Gray
Audience: Irons family, Stokoe Family, Gierke Family

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS: None

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. The Public Hearing for Boardman Fire Rescue District 2026-2027 General Fund Budget and the 2021 GO Bond Budget for 2026-2027 open at 6:01 pm. Review rules of the Open Public Hearing.
2. An opportunity for the Board to hear from any member of the public that is in favor, against, or have neutral comments on the Budgets.
3. The Public Hearing for 2026-2027 Budget cycle was closed at 6:01 pm.

DIRECTOR REPORTS: None

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Hughes

1. Columbia Development Authority (CDA) Land:
Court Trial set for December 17, 2026. Mediation will be in October. A Special Board meeting may be convened as the Port of Morrow will take possession of the land before October.
2. Seasonal Firefighter:
Fire season has started ahead of schedule and burning closed early. Intern Maddyn Morton will be 18 years old soon and graduated from Riverside High School. Maddyn has been training with BFRD the past nine months. She is currently working on EMS certification. Seasonal will be paid \$8,000 to \$10,000 working four ten-hour shifts 10am to 8pm and recalled for fires. Seasonal hires are also available for short Inter-Facility Transfers.
3. Future Fire Station, Airport Road: 8:10mins
AWS aka Amazon is conducting a feasibility study. They will have the final say on the project and have control of the money. Ground work done to included a Design Team assembled and a design of a skeletal structure.

4. Helipad:
 - a. Helipad lighting system has been ordered. The light cans will be placed for concrete pour. The lights take six weeks to manufacture.
 - b. Burn Box facilities will be moved to Airport Road in the next few weeks.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. May 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. May 18, 2026 Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
3. Approve Bills and Payables

Director Mike Sowa: moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented; Director Boor seconded. No discussion. Vote: President Pratt: Aye; Vice President Dieter: Aye; Director Boor: Aye; Director Ratzlaff: Aye; Director Sowa: Aye. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Request approval of the 2026-2027 General Fund Budget on forms LB-20 and LB-31.
 - a. All members of the board were part of the Budget Committee and attended the meeting. The budget was approved in that committee meeting. Review and questions of the LB-20 and LB-31. A total of \$4,393,841.00
 - b. Unless there are other questions since the Budget meeting, Chief Hughes requested the Board adopt General Fund budget.
 - c. Vice-President Loren Dieter made a motion to accept the 2026-2027 General Fund Budget total of \$4,393,841.00 as presented. Director David Boor seconded the motion. No discussion.

Vote: President Pratt: Aye; Vice President Dieter: Aye; Director Boor: Aye; Director Ratzlaff: Aye; Director Sowa: Aye. Motion carried.

2. Request approval of the 2021 GO Bond Budget for 2026-2027 on form LB-35 as adjusted at the Budget Committee meeting.
 - a. Adopt the 2021 GO Bond Budget for 2026-2027 on form LB 35 with a total of \$595,806.00. The only request came from Lisa Mittlesdorf to add the unappropriated funds of \$54,000.00 which was done.
 - b. Director David Boor made a motion to adopt 2026-2027 GO Bond Budget in form LB-35 totals \$595,806.00 with noted change. Director Mike Sowa seconded the motion. No discussion.

Vote: President Pratt: Aye; Vice President Dieter: Aye; Director Boor: Aye; Director Ratzlaff: Aye; Director Sowa: Aye. Motion carried

FIRE LOSS MANAGEMENT DIVISION REPORT – Captain Jeremy Gierke

- Field Testing and Plan Reviews for mostly Amazon sites and those listed in the attached report.
- Three CPR classes conducted in May.
- Exterior structure fire which was a \$25,000 loss.
- Crews helped at Local Emergency Planning Committee Safety Days at SAGE Center.

EMS REPORT – Firefighter/Paramedic Mae Larimer

- Medical calls in April totaled 54 calls for service. Thirty patients were transported along with seven InterFacility Transports (IFT). There were 17 refusals.

TRAINING DIVISION REPORT – Battalion Chief/Training Officer Sam Irons

- Twenty-six team members contributed a total of 299 hours of training in May. Wildland training wrapped up. Maintenance hours is focus of this certification period.
- Biennium Certification packets are being reviewed and updated as needed.
- Mutual Aid given:
 - Gilliam County lighting started grass fire which started a second time,
 - Irrigon Fire on a control burn that was out of control,
 - to Umatilla County Fire District #1
 - no aid received

FIRE OFFICER'S REPORT – Firefighter/Paramedic Mae Larimer

- 50 calls for fire service in May included ten false alarms, one water rescue, one drone support call.

FINANCIAL REPORTS – Chief Mike Hughes

- Chief Hughes reminded the Board of Directors that a Line-Item Transfer Resolution will be presented next month. Total numbers are on track per May's Year-To-Date Budget-to-Actual. A few overages in some lines. The main categories are under 100% spent and will balance out.

COMMUNICATIONS : None

PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS:

- The new badges commemorate the 250th anniversary of the United States of America.
- Promotion of Sam Irons to Deputy Officer of Operations and Training. Effective July 1, 2026, Chief Irons will be the second in command of the organization. Six years ago, Sam Irons was a Firefighter/EMT. He has advanced through the ranks like an energizer bunny. Chief Irons has focused on his education. His experiences prepared him for advancement. Chief Broadbent has been the Fire Chief's confidant and now Chief Irons takes on the responsibility.
 - Sam Irons thanked everyone for their support over the last 14 years. Chief Irons has learned much from Chief Broadbent.
- Captain Gierke had no problem figuring out Chief Hughes' plans. The end of the hybrid schedule processes to the 24-hour a day schedule. Chief Hughes describes Captain Gierke the mechanic as a wing nut with skills of MacGyver. In the past 14 months, Captain Gierke has been under the tutelage of Chief Broadbent. On July 16th Captain Gierke will be the new Fire Marshal.
 - Captain Gierke thanked his wife Lindsay and son Jarron. After landing with this agency, he saw the writing on the wall. A good place to work with Sam and Marty. It has been enlightening to work with Chief Hughes. Thanked his family for putting up long days and short nights.
- Nate Forrar is a Firefighter/EMT completed his probation. Firefighter Forrar came to full time staff by the long road. Initially Firefighter Forrar was fill-in for ambulance shifts. BFRD is his first professional job. Firefighter Forrar is our fitness guy who helps with work out programs and physical agility program. Firefighter Forrar is getting married soon on a C Shift Day. Chief Hughes swore in Firefighter Forrar. Chief Irons pinned the badge on Firefighter Forrar.
- Izaak Thoman is a lateral hire with twenty plus years of experience in Fire Service. He is a great asset. Firefighter Thoman is currently out on a fire.

- Congratulations to not only the chief officers and Firefighter Nate Forrar but thanks to all the staff and crews who put in the hard work to this organization and make it shine. Chief Hughes thanked all very much.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

NEXT MEETING:

Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting: Tuesday, July 14th at 6:00 p.m.

AJOURNED: 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Gray