Boardman Fire Rescue District Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
November 10, 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 (6:03 pm), Directors David Boor, and Mike Sowa
Staff:	Fire Chief Mike Hughes, Captain/Paramedic Ethan Salata, Firefighter/Paramedic Devon Pulvino, Firefighter/EMT Austen Alder & Ben Netter, Paul Keefer, Cristina Carr, Executive Assistant Suzanne Gray
Absent:	Director Jaimeson Ratzlaff, Deputy Chief Sam Irons, and Fire Marshal Jeremy Gierke

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS: NONE

DIRECTOR REPORT: Chief Hughes thanked the board for completing the Best Practices.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – Fire Chief Hughes

1. Columbia Development Authority (CDA) Land - Another judge has recused himself. Trial date is December 4, 2026. Chief Hughes, Jeremy Gierke, and Mark Sowa along with Oregon Military Defense personnel will be on the witnesses list.
2. Future Fire Station – Nothing to report.
3. Helipad – Construction has been featured on random social media. The concrete pad is poured. Electricians working on lights and windsock this week. In the spring, Life Flight, sponsors, and BFRD Board will be part of an official "groundbreaking".
4. Water Tender is in service. All three shifts have trained on it. BFRD will surplus the old one upon Board authorization.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

Director Sowa moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented October 13, 2026 minutes, bills and payables to November 10, 2026; Vice-President Dieter seconded. No discussion.

Vote: President Pratt: Yes; Vice-President Dieter: Yes; Secretary Boor: Yes; Director Sowa: Yes. Motion unanimously carried.

ACTION ITEMS: NONE

FIRE LOSS MANAGEMENT DIVISION REPORT – Chief Mike Hughes

- General CPR classes held. Site plans reviewed. Testing occurred at Data Centers.
- Discussion with Riverside High School for apparatus access during construction.
  - Brief discussion regarding fencing, gates, and access path/road between front and back parking lots.

- Chief Hughes invited to a December 10th meeting in the evening to continue talks.
- Hydrotest and flush in Heppner at the Courthouse is Fire Marshal's responsibility along with county schools. BFRD Fire Marshal is only one in Morrow County. The county pays City of Boardman which pays BFRD.

TRAINING DIVISION REPORT – Chief Mike Hughes

- Twenty-three members participated in 292 hours of training. Dr. A, Medical Director, did case reviews in house.
- Other training topics included portable extinguisher training, and search & rescue.
- BFRD responded to mutual aid calls; received aid from Irrigon during triple simultaneous calls. President Pratt noted that BFRD boat assisted in Heppner.

EMS REPORT – Firefighter/Paramedic Ethan Salata

- There have been 42 EMS calls and 2 Inter-Facility Transports since last Board meeting.
- Dr. A, Medical Director, did case reviews here.

FIRE OFFICER'S REPORT – Firefighter/Paramedic Ethan Salata

- The crews are changing from yardwork to apparatus waxing tool maintenance and repair.
- Chief Hughes has ordered an Air Tag system for structure and wildland fires including equipment such as cutters and spreaders. The system tracks firefighters and equipment.
- Umatilla and Irrigon Rural Fire Districts along with Gilliam County have been paying for BFRD personnel to complete pump tests and repairs.

FINANCIAL REPORTS – Fire Chief Mike Hughes

- Morrow County taxes are expected in the next couple of weeks.
- Budget to Actual is on track. Chief Hughes is having to redo each month's formulas as previous fiscal year information is populating the Excel cells.
- Capital Outlay 6-8020 requires a supplemental budget as Water Tender was purchased but not budgeted.
- Cash on hand tonight is $750,000.00. Operating expenses each month is $13,000.00. BFRD could operate for 57 days with the cash on hand.

COMMUNICATIONS : NONE

PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS: NONE

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, December 8, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

AJOURNED: 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Gray

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