



Boardman Fire Rescue District Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
July 14, 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, and Director Mike Sowa
Staff: Fire Chief Mike Hughes, Deputy Chief Sam Irons, Fire Marshal Marty Broadbent,
Captain Jeremy Gierke, Firefighter/Medic Mae Larmier
Zoom Guest: Brandon Hammon, Boardman City Manager
Absent: Directors David Boor and James Ratzlaff

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS: None

DIRECTOR REPORTS: None

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – Chief Hughes

1. Columbia Development Authority (CDA) Land:
None of the arbitration dates came to fruition. Mediation dates are still under deliberation in September or October.
2. Fire Season:
 - a. A Federal crew is at the station 8am – 5pm. A contract is ready to be signed for them to be here 24 hours a day, seven days a week through the fire season. They are at BFRD disposal. On a red flag day, an additional seven personnel in the district.
 - b. The State put out to the Fire Defense Board this morning that the State is extremely low on resources. The surrounding states are also low because of the active fires.
 - c. Tomorrow will be an extreme fire weather and heat related weather for the next 10 days. Lightning storms are predicted. BFRD should be able to put resources on a fire if one comes about.
 - d. A fire started last night because a wheel came off a car. A wheel bearing started a fire off of I-84.
3. Future Fire Station, Airport Road:
A feasibility study has started. AWS may offset the cost. The Port will provide a draft lease by the end of the week for the Board to review. It's a 50-year lease, zero cost, 100% return.
4. Helipad:
 - a. Chief Hughes met with the in-kind contractor, electrician, and cement people over the past week. The cone and weather indicator have arrived. The lights were shipped.
 - b. The Port is going to allow the district to place the Burn Box on a different piece of property than the station land on Airport Road inside a secure fence.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT - continued

5. Crews:

Personnel have been back filling on red flag days. They have been coming in when active fires. Six went to Whiskey Fest in Pendleton as medical. Numbers maintained in district. Thanks to the crews who are moving BFRD forward.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. June 9, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approve Bills and Payables

Vice-President Dieter: moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented; Director Sowa seconded. No discussion. Vote: President Pratt: Yes; Vice President Dieter: Yes; Director Sowa: Yes. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Request approval of Resolution 07-14-1-2026 balancing the 2025-2026 General Fund Budget.
 - a. Allows BFRD to present a balance budget to the state and county.
 - b. Director Sowa made a motion to approve the Resolution 07-14-1-2026 balancing the 2025-2026 General Fund Budget as presented. Vice-President Dieter seconded the motion. No discussion.Vote: President Pratt: Yes; Vice President Dieter: Yes; Director Sowa: Yes. Motion carried.
2. Request approval of Resolution 06-09-1-2026 adoption of 2026-2027 General Fund Budget.
 - a. This Resolution should have been done at the June Board meeting when the budget was adopted. All the resolutions go to the county for documentation purposes.
 - b. Vice-President Loren Dieter made a motion to approve Resolution 06-09-1-2026. Director Sowa seconded the motion. No discussion.Vote: President Pratt: Yes; Vice President Dieter: Yes; Director Sowa: Yes. Motion carried.
3. Request approval of Resolution 06-09-2-2026 adoption of the 2026-2027 G.O. Bond Budget.
 - a. This Resolution is for the adoption of the G.O. Bond budget for 26-27 at the last Board meeting.
 - b. Vice-President Loren Dieter made a motion to approve Resolution 06-09-2-2026. Director Sowa seconded the motion. No discussion.Vote: President Pratt: Yes; Vice President Dieter: Yes; Director Sowa: Yes. Motion carried.

FIRE LOSS MANAGEMENT DIVISION REPORT – Captain Jeremy Gierke

- AWS plans and inspections completed. Reviewed plans for Lamb Weston. Testing and inspection measured for two Port waste water buildings.
- Five CPR classes conducted.
- Processed two fireworks and two propane permits.
- Crews presented material at Sam Boardman Elementary's Safety Day.

TRAINING DIVISION REPORT – Deputy Chief Sam Irons

- 24 team members contributed a total of 261 hours of training in June. Wildland, various EMS, and Community trainings were held.

TRAINING DIVISION REPORT - continued

- The crews spent three days at Lamb Weston East Plant conducting Fire Extinguisher trainings with two more days scheduled. Over the initial three days, 352 Lamb Weston employees were trained.
- Several incidents of Mutual Aid were given in June:
 - Five to Gilliam County - Arlington
 - Couple to Irrigon
 - Quite a few to Umatilla County Fire District #1
 - Some aid received

EMS REPORT – Firefighter/Paramedic Devon Pulvino

- In July so far, there have been 34 EMS calls. Twelve of which have been transported by B-Shift. Six InterFacility Transports (IFT) are complete.
- The Stryker representative was here today working on gurneys, stretcher, and CPR device.

FIRE OFFICER'S REPORT – Lieutenant/Paramedic Ethan Salata

- Crews are doing wildland training.
- Two probationary people are preparing for testing.
 - A couple of months ago Paul Keefer passed his three-month test.
 - Cristina Carr has passed her Firefighter prerequisites.
 - Cristina was hired single role EMT. Union requirements allow only hiring firefighters/EMT or Medics. Cristina Carr chose to get her Firefighter 1. She is now on probation as a Firefighter/EMT.

FINANCIAL REPORTS – Chief Mike Hughes

- The Budget to Actual has been changed considerably and will be presented next month.
- All the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 items are zeroed out due to the Resolution passed this evening.

COMMUNICATIONS : None

PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS:

- Retirement of Fire Marshal Marty Broadbent
 - Chief Hughes had Fire Marshal Broadbent come to the front. Marty is a confidant between the staff and Chief Hughes. Chief presented Marty Broadbent with a plaque.
 - Deputy Chief Irons spoke next about the first fire they were on together. Sam told of the great characteristics of Marty.
 - Captain Jeremy Gierke related stories of time spent with Marty Broadbent. Working the last 18 months with Marty has been eye-opening of how it is working with contractors and others.
 - Ethan Salata stated that Marty would be missed. It was a privilege working with Marty. Ethan thanked him.
 - Police Chief Stokoe shared that in 17 years Marty has been always knew Marty would be present. He congratulated Marty.
 - Paul Keefer met Marty in 2015. Marty will be missed especially morning conversation. Paul thanked Marty for his mentorship and the things brought to City of Boardman.

PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS - continued

- Chrisena Haggard thanked Marty for all he passed down to the volunteers and staff. She thanked him for putting up with all the pranks.
- Lisa Pratt thanked Marty for being supportive, kind, and having great answers for her many questions.
- Fire Marshal Broadbent best retirement party appreciation to each of you Chief and Board. A piece of advice for crew; appreciate what you have here. There was a standing ovation for Fire Marshal Marty Broadbent.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

NEXT MEETING:

Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

AJOURNED: 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Gray