NORTH GILLIAM COUNTY RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Regular Meeting

DATE: May 12, 2025

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: 1500 Railroad Avenue – North Gilliam Fire Hall

BOARD MEMEBERS PRESENT: Skye Krebs, Joe Patnode and Jerry Gabbey

NOT PRESENT: Kolten Boethin and Victor Rolfe

OTHER PRESENT: Jodi Claughton, Joe Claughton, and Casey Zellars

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** The regular meeting was called to order at 5:55 p.m. by Board Chairman Skye Krebs.

**AGENDA:** The agenda was approved as presented.

**MINUTES:** The Minutes of the April 14, 2025 regular meeting were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment

CHIEF’S REPORT:

* All paperwork has been received for the OFSM Staffing grant and we should be receiving the funds shortly.
* Advertisements for bids on the Water Tender will run in the June 5, 2025 edition of the Times Journal.
* Responded to a structure fire within the City Limits of Arlington. This was the first structure fire in quite some time. The house was saved and over all the firefighters did a great job.
* The new decals have been on the trucks.
* All security cameras are working properly except for one.
* Preparing all trucks and gear for the upcoming fire season.

 GILLIAM COUNTY FIRE SERVICE COORDINATOR’S REPORT:

* Four firefighter’s county wide are taking the Firefighter 1 Academy class and should be done by the end of May
* All firefighters are current on the wildland trainings.
* Wheeler County mutual aide agreement has been signed. This is the first time in years we have had a mutual aid agreement with Wheeler County.
* Work is completed on the BLM Co-Op Agreement
* Mutual aid agreement with Sherman, Gilliam and Kilickitat Counties has been completed. Still working on radios for Klickitat County.
* Casey was nominated for the Fire Defense Board Chief. Elections will be held in July. Area Fire Chiefs in Morrow, Umatilla, and Gilliam Counties vote on the position
* From April 2022 to current there has been $1, 583,000.00 in grant money received County wide.
* There has been some discussion on the continuation of the Fire Services Board which would affect the Fire Services Coordinator position. Nothing has been decided at this time.

CITY FIRE COMMISSIONER REPORT:

No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Joe Patnode which was seconded by Jerry Gabbey to increase firefighter pay from $15.00 per hour to $20.00 per hour effective July 1, 2025. Joe Patnode – yes, Jerry Gabbey – yes, Skye Krebs – yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

FINANCIAL REPORT AND BILLS:

A motion was made by Jerry Gabbey which was seconded by Joe Patnode to approve the bills and financial report as presented. Jerry Gabbey – yes, Joe Patnode – yes, Skye Krebs – yes. Motion Carried

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Next meeting Date: June 09, 2025

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Skye Krebs – Board Chairman Jodi Claughton – Executive Secretary