

**Stayton Fire District
Regular Board of Directors Meeting**

September 8, 2025

Conference Room

1988 W. Ida St. Stayton

FLAG SALUTE

PRESIDENT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER

6:00 PM

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS:

BOARD: ☒ President Russ Strohmeier
 ☒ Vice President Ken Rich
 ☒ Secretary Tom Etzel
 ☒ Director Eric Fery
 ☒ Director Mike Odenthal

OTHERS: ☒ Chief Jay Alley ☒ Lt Hargin
 ☒ Office Specialist Julia Budlong ☒ FF Harris
 ☒ AC Doug Kintz ☒ FF Tegen

MINUTES: Moved by Director Etzel, seconded by Director Rich, to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2025 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously. 5-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Apparatus Purchase Update/HGAC: We received notice today that Hughes received the loan payment for the two attack tenders. We discussed this previously, but we used the Houston-Galveston Area Council procurement contract for this purchase. The monthly payments will be around \$25,000 a month for four years with a 4.53% interest rate which equates to around \$111,000 in interest total. We saved about \$98,000 by ordering now and paying up front. The first payment will be due in November.

B. Employee Evaluations: Evaluations for Lt Brent Cross, FF Nathan Hemenway, and FF Brian Harris were conducted. It is recommended they receive their next step increase based on their above average evaluations.

Moved by Director Fery, seconded by Director Etzel, to approve the step increases for Lt Brent Cross, FF Nathan Hemenway, and FF Brian Harris effective September 1st, 2025.
Motion carried unanimously.

C. Accounts Payable: Moved by Director Odenthal, seconded by Director Fery, to pay the bills including the additions. Motion carried unanimously. 5-0

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS: None

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- **County Radio Project:** The County has come up with the final cost for the Radio Project although they have not secured funding in its entirety. It would cost the District \$45,000 a year to be a part of the Radio Project. We still hold the position of not entering into their Radio Project.
- Recruiter Applications close on Monday the 15th -we currently have 4 applications.

ASST CHIEF REPORT: Nothing to add.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- OFDDA Conference reminder. Julia will email the brochure to Directors, let her know the sessions you would like to attend and she will get you registered.

ADJOURNMENT: The regular meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm

NEXT MEETING:

October 13, 2025 regular board meeting, 6:00 pm

Date

Board Secretary