

Pleasant Hill Goshen Fire & Rescue
Pleasant Hill Rural Fire Protection District
Goshen Rural Fire Protection District
Joint Special Board Meeting/Zoom Meeting
July 14, 2023

Call to Order

The hybrid Joint Special Board Meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m. by Fire Authority Board President, Willie Bronson.

Attendance:

Pleasant Hill Board Members: President Todd Anderson, and Board Members Paul Filson and Matt Brown. Absent: Vice President Kevin Flory and Secretary/Treasurer Darrell Shoemaker.

Goshen Board Members: President Willie Bronson, Vice President Tom McClellan, Secretary/Treasurer Rose Reinertson, and Board Member Terry McDiarmid.

Pleasant Hill Goshen Fire & Rescue Board Members: President Willie Bronson, Vice President Todd Anderson, and Secretary/Treasurer Rose Reinertson. Absent: Board Member Kevin Flory.

Staff: Fire Chief Andrew Smith & Executive Assistant Haley Meshnik.

Guests: - None

Property Acquisition Option South of the Goshen Fire Station

A discussion ensued on the topic of purchasing the property south of the Goshen Station. Todd Anderson shared that the new station could affect training and we need to look at the square footage costs of purchasing the property next door versus the costs of building the training area into our Pleasant Hill station design.

Chief Smith added that if they are able to purchase the property next door that he would have the opportunity to apply for grants that could assist with building out our training area. Chief Smith shared that owning that property has long term benefits for our districts and makes sense that the training area be next to the training room, hydrant, and training officer.

A discussion ensued on how much the board was willing to offer. That there was a risk in low balling their offer and that the property provided more value to the Fire Department than anyone else. It was a consensus to make an offer when time allows before the deadline 8/23/23. Chief Smith shared that he was working on registering as a government agency with HUD. Chief Smith said he would reach out to the agent to understand how to make a bid, because it looks like there are a lot of steps.

It was discussed to find out how much is owed on the property and that the appraisal should be available for us to review. Tom McClellan asked Chief Smith if we had the cash available to make a cash offer? Chief Smith said yes, but to be clear that he is nervous, because we have a lot of big challenges ahead of us. However the Chief added that he understands that this is a one-time deal and a big gain for the organization.

After thoughtful discussion, Terry McDiarmid made a motion to make a bid on the adjacent property, not to exceed \$200K. Rose Reinertson Second. Passed unanimously.

Tom McClellan made a motion that **the established committee can make the offer.** Rose Reinertson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

A discussion ensued about the RV parked on our property. Todd Anderson suggested we put up a sign that states no parking or it will be towed at the owners expense.

Chief Smith provided the Lane County Counsel verbiage for the ballot for the board members to review.

Haley Meshnik shared with the board members that we are planning to take their photos at the August Board meeting, for the website.

Pending To do:

- Chief Smith and Committee to work on registering as a government agency with HUD and placing our bid for the property to the south.

Willie Bronson adjourned the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Haley Meshnik

Recording Secretary