

**NEHALEM BAY FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Wednesday August 19, 2026 – 3 P.M.

**36375 Highway 101 N., Nehalem, OR 97131
Zoom – Meeting ID: 889 7975 6830 Password: 89906**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Charles Bridge called the meeting to order 3:03 p.m. In addition to Bridge, board members present were Treasurer Bob Forster, Secretary Dave Cram, and Director Dan Carroll. President Mike Sims was absent. District personnel in attendance were Fire Chief Frank Knight III and Finance Manager Kristen Coyle.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bridge led the pledge.

III. WELCOME TO VISITORS / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were in attendance.

B. READING AND APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES JULY 21st, 2026

Bridge asked the board members if they had any corrections or comments after reviewing the minutes for the July 21, 2026 board meeting.

Forster made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 21, 2026 meeting as presented; Carroll seconded. Bridge called for the question; the motion passed unanimously 4-0.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BILLS PAID, CREDIT CARD PURCHASES, AND PROFIT & LOSS

Coyle presented the financial highlights for July 2026, noting it was a month with large expenditures with little revenue to offset. She also noted anticipated reimbursements from the Oregon State Fire Marshal's office for wildland deployments in excess of \$214,000. She also noted there is one outstanding deployment not included in the figures, and she anticipates the apparatus portion of this year's reimbursement will exceed the Type III's annual lease payment. In response to board questions, she explained the OSFM reimbursement rates for district employees and for district volunteers. Knight added information about OSFM reimbursement for coverage for deployed employees' shifts as well as an overview of wear and tear on the deployed apparatus.

Forster made a motion to accept the July financial reports as presented; Cram seconded. Bridge called for the question; the motion passed unanimously 4-0.

V. STAFF REPORTS

A. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Knight provided updates on staffing, apparatus, community outreach, station maintenance, and operations.

Knight noted a volunteer resident firefighter/EMT and a volunteer firefighter/paramedic recently joined the department. He subsequently had one of the new volunteers become a third seasonal part-time employee funded by the 2026 OSFM Wildfire Seasonal Staffing grant. He also noted another potential resident volunteer firefighter is in the application process.

Knight provided repair updates for Rescue 13, which remains out of service. He also noted Rescue 15 (UTV) is undergoing repairs and is also out of service. He responded to board questions regarding the specific repairs needed.

Knight provided an update with the Tillamook County Pioneer safety video project.

Knight provided details about the active wildfire season, noting that the District has been activated five times so far, and joined task forces deploying from Clatsop, Linn, Columbia, and Washington counties. He noted he had to decline additional requests in order to retain adequate District coverage. He also provided an overview of the OSFM District Mutual Aid system, which not only covers events like wildfires but others such as floods.

Knight noted seasonal hydrant maintenance has been slightly delayed due to deployments; the District will be cooperating with the Nehalem City Water Department and the Neahkahnie Water District.

Knight noted he continues to be in contact with a potential fire chaplain, with the hopes that the individual can participate in DPSST's training scheduled for September. Knight noted the re-establishment of the Chaplain program is part of the Strategic Plan.

Knight noted the District provided standby coverage at the Tillamook County Fair's demolition derby.

An incident summary for the month of July was provided; there were 78 calls for the month. Although July's volume was lower than that from 2025 and 2024, the 2026 year-to-date volume continues to exceed both prior years.

B. TRAINING REPORT

The board packet contained Division Chief/Training Officer Jesse Walsh's training report for July. Knight noted that despite the deployments, training continues. Other employees have been running the training sessions while Walsh was deployed.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. RESILIENT SOLAR POWER PROJECT

Knight noted additional on-site has commenced since the prior month's meeting, including excavation work to run conduit to the battery storage banks, concrete work to create a pad

for the battery storage bank, and asphaltting the conduit trench. He noted the battery installation and remaining electrical work is scheduled August 24 – September 3, 2026.

B. SQUAD 13 SURPLUS

Knight noted the advertisement for the sale of the surplus 2010 Ford Explore will not commence until one of the two apparatus undergoing repairs returns to service.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. NONE

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

Knight reminded the board of the OFDDA Conference November 5-7.

IX. BOARD COMMENTS

No items presented.

X. REVIEW/SET NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

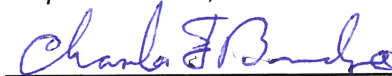
The meeting was set for the third Tuesday of the month, September 15, 2026, at 3:00pm.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Bridge adjourned the meeting at 3:44 PM.

MINUTES APPROVED BY BOARD

September 15, 2026



Charles Bridge, Vice President

ATTEST: 

Dave Cram, Secretary