**Umatilla Fire District Meeting**

The March 12, 2025, meeting called to order by Board Chairman Kyle Sipe

Present:

Board Members: Robert Holden, Darla Huxel, Tracy Finck, Steven Willians and Kyle Sipe.

Motion to approve the agenda by Steven, 2nd by Tracy approved unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes by Robert, 2nd by Steven approved unanimously.

Approval of Bill List and Statements: Done

Public Comment: None

Correspondence:

Audience Participation: None

Chief’s Report: See agenda packet-

Union Business:

Old Business:

1. Policy Review: Section 10- Jeannie and Lorne are working on updating the policies affected by the Union Contract and will have issued by the April Meeting

2. Personnel Handbook- Lorne and Jeannie are working on finalizing

Motion to Move to Executive Session by Darla, 2nd by Steven, Approved unanimously at 7:20 pm

Executive Session:

ORS 192.660(2)(a) To Consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.

Motion to adjourn executive session and return to regular session by Darla, 2nd By Tracy. Motion approved unanimously.

Return to Public Session at 7:40

New Business:

1. Fire Chief Position- motion to authorize Chairman Sipe to enter into contract negotiations with the top candidate by Steven, 2nd Tracy approved unanimously.

Items not on Agenda Open to Public, Board and Staff Participation:

Robert asked Ray if it was in the contract that the union notifies the board of leadership change, Ray did not know but both he and Jeannie stated that Jordy had let Chris know of the change.

AGENDA SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

Budget meeting set for April 9 @ 6:30. April meeting moved to April 9 @ 7

June meeting will be moved to May 28th @ 7 pm due to many conflicts.

Darla reminded everyone about the SDAO training in Pendleton on March 19th and Ethics training on May 14th @ the City.

Motion to adjourn by Robert, 2nd by Steven. Meeting adjourned at 7:53

Kyle Sipe, Chairman Jeannie Bowman, Clerk