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**Elsie Vinemapple Fire Protection District
Board of Directors Meeting
May 12, 2025
Jewell School**

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MINUTES

1. **Call to Order and Welcome.** Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Roll Call.** Directors Walsh, Layman, Van Dyke, and Hecox are present. Director Pitkin is logged in via Zoom. Fire Chief Davis, Asst Chief Senz, LT Hensinger and several community members are in attendance.
4. **Public Comments.** Nancy Paysinger- commented on the district newsletter and how much it is appreciated. She also commented on the voter's pamphlet and the well written statements of the board. She also commended the board, staff, and chief on their accomplishments. She stated she hopes that the board stays together, but also that people need to stay positive.

Ron Weber- Discussed the board and the election. Discussed the opposition votes on the ballot as well. Discussed what he wants for his family and moving forward into the future.
5. **Approval of Agenda.** Director Walsh made the motion to approve the agenda. Director Layman seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.
6. **Approval of March 10, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.** Director Layman made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 14 Board Meeting. Director Van Dyke seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.
7. **Chief's Report (Davis).** Chief Davis reported on participating in a statewide conference call with Fire Chief's to discuss summer staffing. The Chief is

considering starting staffing July 1, running into sometime in October depending on funds. The department will attempt to first fill the vacancies internally with outside applications accepted if positions cannot be filled. The Chief is looking to utilize the staffing funds to maximize coverage for our highest potential incident, which is tourist travel through the fire district not necessarily a wildland fire event.

8. New Business

8.1. Board Duties and Responsibilities – Policy 2.4 (First Reading). The Board discussed the proposed updated wording for Section 2.4 of the policy manual. Director Walsh read the proposed language into the record.

8.2. Board Duties and Responsibilities – Policy 2.6 (First Reading). The Board discussed the proposed updated wording for Section 2.6 of the policy manual. Director Walsh read the proposed language into the record.

8.3. Approval of Auditor. Discussion was held on the cost quoted by various auditing firms with the most competitive being received from Clear Trails CPAS. Director Hecox made a motion to move forward with Clear Trails CPAS for \$6,500 for the public audit for the 2023-2024 budget years, and to authorize the Chief to sign and enter contract with Clear Trails CPAS for the 2023-2024 budget audit. Director Walsh seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

8.4. Accounts Payable. Director Walsh made a motion to approve Accounts Payable. Director Hecox seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

9. Motion to Recess to Executive Session. Director Hecox, in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(i), made a motion to recess to Executive Session to review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer. Director Van Dyke seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0. The Board recessed to Executive Session at 5:18 PM.

10. Reconvene to the Regular Board Meeting. The Regular Board Meeting was reconvened at 5:34 PM.

1. Statement from Executive Session. Upon reconvening Director Walsh read into the record the EVRFPD Board of Directors – Chief Performance Evaluation.

11. Board of Directors Comments

Director Walsh: Thank you to the Jewell school beginning and intermediate shop class for building sandwich boards to help the district with volunteer recruitment. Also, a thank you to the businesses that allowed us to place them out – Elderberry Inn, Bakers General Store, Oney's Pizza, and Camp 18.

Director Layman: Echoed the same sentiments and thanked the volunteers and budget committee members.

Director Hecox: Thanks to everyone who came out tonight, thank you to the budget committee members for their work. The board has had a rough month with everything going on. Thank you to the community supporters and the volunteers who are continuously getting beat up on social media.

Director VanDyke: Made the statement that no matter what happens after the election he hopes to continue to serve. Director Van Dyke made a special effort to thank Chief Davis for his loyalty to the District and community, his attention to duty, his respect and selfless service for the community and volunteers.

Director Pitkin: Read a statement into the record expressing thanks to Chief Davis and Chief Senz. She expressed her pride in the team and remains committed to moving forward in the future.

12. Motion to Adjourn. Director Walsh made a motion to adjourn. Director Van Dyke seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 PM.

Per EVRFPD Board of Directors