

HOODLAND FIRE DISTRICT #74
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 27, 2026

Board Members: Nora Gambiae, Kirk Peterson, Terry Niedermeyer, and John Drake (Zoom). [Cliff Fortune (Absent)] Four voting members in attendance.

Staff and Volunteers: Jim Price; Fire Chief and Brian Henrichs; Division Chief

Guests: Gordon Sletmoe (SDAO) and Kenny Frentress (SDAO)

1. Call to Order: By Nora Gambiae at 7:01 PM

2. Roll Call

3. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Nora Gambiae

4. Persons To Be Heard. None

5. New Business

A. Station Project Update. None

B. Training Room HVAC

- i. Emergency repair of the Training Room HVAC system is required. Multiple repair and replacement options were reviewed with the District's HVAC service provider. The selected mini-split system has the added benefit of being repurposed at one of the substations after the move from the current facility, maximizing its long-term value. A down payment is required before the provider can begin the work.

C. Wildfire Deployments

- i. The wildfire season has been exceptionally busy, resulting in numerous deployments in support of the Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM) and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS). Water Tender 351 with personnel and Brush 351 with personnel were deployed to assist with wildfire response efforts, providing critical support to ongoing suppression efforts.

6. Executive Session under ORS 192.660 (2) (a): To consider employment of a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent.

RECESS From Regular Session at 7:07 PM

RECONVENED Into Executive Session at 7:07 PM

- A. Reviewed Fire Chief applications.
- B. Discussed Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO) extending Assessment Center interview invitations to selected candidates.
- C. Discussed the Assessment Center process for finalist selection.

ADJOURNMENT of Executive Session at 9:07 PM

RECONVENED into Regular Session at 9:08 PM

7. Other New Business

- A. Fire Chief Assessment Center Invitations

MOTION MADE: By Kirk Peterson to direct Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO) to invite six qualified candidates to participate in the Assessment Center process and to notify and thank the non-selected applicants for their interest.

2ND: By Terry Niedermeyer

DISCUSSION: Clarification that the candidates should not be identified by name.

VOTE: Motion Passed 4 Ayes [1 Absent]. Nora Gambee (Aye), John Drake (Aye), Kirk Peterson (Aye), and Terry Niedermeyer (Aye). [Cliff Fortune (Absent)]

8. Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT: By Nora Gambee at 9:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelli Ewing, Office Administrator

Notes Type By: Christi Harris, Administrative Assistant