

Drakes Crossing Rural Fire Protection District

19364 Powers Creek Loop Rd. NE Silverton, OR 9781

May 21, 2026

6:30 p.m. – Thursday

Meeting Minutes – Budget & Regular Meeting

Board members Present: Angela Frye, Chuck Goode, Mike Rich, Mary Anne Heuchert, Elizabeth Muller

Board members Absent: None

Staff Present: Chief Hamilton, Sarah DeBrito

Staff Absent: None

Meeting called to order by Board President; Angie Frye at 6:32pm

Dave Potter and Dale Bleakney are the present budget committee members.

Dale Bleakney was appointed budget committee chair person. Bleakney turned the budget committee meeting over to Chief Hamilton. Chief Hamilton reviewed the budget documents in detail. Items to note: Dispatch, insurance, and truck maintenance increased for the 2026/27 fiscal year. Chief Hamilton allocated \$60,000 to new construction for the upcoming fiscal year in case the contractors are able to start on the seismic upgrade project earlier than projected. \$15,000 was allocated to new purchases for a possible purchase of a U-Haul vehicle to transport for-wheelers to calls at the park. Dale Bleakney made a motion to approve the 2026/27 budget as presented. Dave Potter seconded. Motion carries. Dale Bleakney made a motion for the imposed tax rate. Dave Potter seconded. Motion carried.

Budget committee for the 2026/27 fiscal year adjourned at 6:53pm

The regular board meeting was called to order by Board Chair Frye at 7:00pm.

Meeting Minutes: Chuck Goode made a motion to approve the April 16, 2026 meeting minutes. Mike Rich seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report: Will be reviewed at the June 18, 2026 meeting because of missing information.

Old Business:

Seismic Grant & Procurement:

Chief Hamilton explained the project had went out to bid and we received 5 proposals. The proposals will be reviewed and graded by a committee and a special meeting will be held June 4, 2026 to award the bid.

Website/email: The website is live. Chief Hamilton continues to work on setting up the .gov emails for the board and staff.

County wide Radio Project: Chief Hamilton has no update at this time.

New Building progress:

Chief Hamilton has continued to work on expanding existing 2 doors or the option of 1 large door to replace existing doors. He has found that if we expand to a 1 door opening we would lose too much height in the opening because of the snow load engineering requirements.

Grant Report:

None

New Business:

None

Chief Report

Chief Hamilton reported slow call volume. Chief Hamilton attended a conference with an emphasis on leadership he enjoyed.

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Next regular board meeting will be June 18, 2026 at 7:00pm. A special board meeting will be held June 4, 2026 at 7:00pm

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:24pm