

Final Minutes - CRFPD Regular Business Meeting

May 13, 2026

Board Members Attending: Heidi Hagler (Chair), Bob Conder (Vice-Chair), Christy Johnson (Via Zoom), John Taylor (Secretary); Tony O'Donahue (Treasurer – planned absence)

CFD – Away on planned official business (excused)

Guest: Leo Williamson, Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) Protection Unit Forester

Agenda

1. Call to order: Being a quorum present, the Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by the Chair.
2. Introductions & public comments
Public present: 13 members of the community were present either in person or on zoom for the item #4 presentation.
3. Late agenda items
None
4. Fire Season 2026 Outlook Leo Williamson, ODF
The presentation is attached below, and these notes are to highlight some of the conversation.
 - a. Leo shared that ODF and the Oregon State Fire Marshall's office have been preparing for this upcoming wildfire season, and noted the State and local federal partners continue to work together closely.
 - b. Review of historical wildfires in the ODF West Oregon District, the ODF district in which CRFPD forested areas resides. (slide content pp. 3-5)
 - c. Weather (pp. 9-10) – ODF works with dedicated meteorologists for long range plans as well as during incident response, and track updates to drought conditions and humidity in the woods.
 - d. Fire spotting – ODF's Williamson responding to a question noted that partners, recreationists, timber professionals, anyone traveling through the woods often act as smoke spotters and report the suspected fires to ODF. Satellites only notice very large fires.
 - e. Williamson reviewed the various firefighting air assets available, and explained where they are stationed. (pp. 13-14)
 - f. All citizens need to remain vigilant in preventing fire: being fire safety conscious, working on their property's defensible space and heeding ODF fire season restrictions.
5. Consent Agenda - Conder moves to accept the consent agenda, Taylor seconds and the motion passes unanimously.
 - a. Meeting Minutes: Secretary
 - i. April 15, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
 - ii. April 15, 2026 Budget Hearing

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- b. Treasurer's Report Treasurer
 - i. Through April, 2026
- c. Tabled Items from Chief's Report Chief Janes
 - i. Backfill for current Lt position
 - ii. Service area tax gap
- d. Correspondence (informational)
 - i. Meeting notifications
[Evvnets | Gazettetimes.com](#)
Emails sent to our distribution list
Posted on CorvallisRFPD.Com
- e. Old Business Items (informational)
 - i. Website policy update-changes approved; in-process (Hagler)
 - ii. Schedule Strategic Planning Meeting dates for after Triton report release (Board)
 - iii. Public Records policy update (Hagler/Johnson)
 - iv. Seismic repair grant-tabled until there is an update (Taylor)
- f. Board Calendar Items for May & June
 - May*
 - i. Special District Election (N/A in 2026)
 - ii. Schedule mowing if needed
 - June*
 - iii. Prepare/distribute scholarship checks
 - iv. Schedule mowing if needed
 - v. Adopt budget by resolution & file w/ Linn & Benton Counties (done)
- g. Next Regular Monthly Meeting: June 17, 2026, 6:00

6. Fire Chief's report – None, excused absence.

7. New Business

- a. Station 6 parking lot blacktop quotes – Hagler advised that she needs to obtain more information. At this time, she's received one bid that is quite expensive, but another contractor has said it's not clear any work at all needs to be done.
- b. Wildfire Awareness and Safety event debrief-All
 - i. Generally, the event was well attended by the public and various emergency and first responder agencies for interaction and education. Having the click counter in-use next time would be good (the lieutenant is thought to possess it).
 - ii. Answers provided on the raffle indicated how the public was made aware of the event and the mailers were mentioned as the primary notification. The discussion mentioned that roadside signage may be useful in different gateways to sections of CRFPD. Public attendee Jeff Merten offered to allow a sign on his property near a high visibility corner, Lewisburg and Highland. Signage at the entrance to other areas, Oak Creek Road, Peoria Road, and Hwy 99W in south Corvallis could be good locations if property owners are amenable.

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- iii. Some commented that the event appeared to have fewer activities for children this year, like the firefighting training drills for kids. Though there were suited up firefighters for the children to see and interact with, some felt that kids may also benefit from seeing the firefighter with a respirator, or the “Darth Vader” look.
 - c. Landscape information on website – Johnson reported that it will take more work to understand how Streamline can be used to help the information be more interactive.
8. Old Business
- a. Landscaping Maintenance – Hagler moved to accept O’Donahue’s maintenance agreement of \$562/month and extending it at that rate until O’Donahue has a long-term maintenance contract for review in place. Conder seconded and following discussion and a review of the activities included in the agreement, the board passed it unanimously.
 - b. Generator enclosure paint project completed (informational) – the low cost option of paint to reflect sunlight will hopefully keep the enclosure cooler and prevent breakers from tripping as the days get longer and hotter.
9. Other Matters
- a. Concluding thoughts – Conder acknowledges the value of the newly completed Van Buren bridge (ribbon-cutting 5/6/26) and how it will enhance service to CRFPD areas in Linn County.
 - b. Close regular meeting - Conder moves to close the meeting, Hagler seconds and motion carries unanimously. (7:30pm)



**ODF Fire Season
Briefing - CRFPD Board**

The video recording of this meeting is available at the URL:

Duration: 01:27:43

Shareable link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/ZVnm9541ORIR7stx_GzFecWIWqeuKzuYNVwQwTTLd86IzCcpCGz92a6SmjbGSCXf.uj9w4L-V9f-mF10l

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