

**AURORA FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
Wednesday, July 17, 2019  
Board of Directors Meeting 1900 Hours  
Donald Fire Station

**ATTENDANCE**

☒ FC Joshua L Williams  
☒ Director Greg Leo  
☒ Director Bobby Meyer

☒ Director Daroll Nicholson  
☒ Director Fred Hartley  
☒ Director Paul Ranta  
☒ AA Emily Murphy

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by Director Greg Leo at 1900 hours.

**Director Leo turned time over for the swearing in of new Board Members.**

Presented with Director's Oath: Daroll Nicholson, Fred Hartley, and Paul Ranta. All agreed to uphold the duties as required. Director's Oaths signed by each new member, witnessed by Administrative Assistant Emily Murphy

New members took their respective seats at the Board table, and roll call was performed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Director Greg Leo to approve the consent agenda for the month of June. The motion was seconded by Director Daroll Nicholson and unanimously approved.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT / CORRESPONDENCE**

Dawn Depner – Wanted to give thanks for the opportunity she's had to serve on 2 Boards for firefighters (Canby and Aurora) over the past 8 years. She recently accepted a position on the Canby School Board. Dawn stated that she would like to give her support to Bobby Meyers and the 45+ years he's dedicated to the Aurora / Donald Fire Departments. She stated that he has the best interests of the district and will serve accordingly, working on behalf of the volunteers, students, and staff.

Jan Olsen – Inquired as to whether the Agenda could be placed on the website. Chief Williams explained that the Agenda is on the website and offered to show her where to find it following the meeting. She also wanted to express her gratitude to all the volunteers.

Rachel Leo – Informed all that Emergency Certification classes will be available in St. Paul. Mentioned the Summer Concerts in the Park happening each Wednesday evening at 7pm in Aurora.

**DISTRICT 63 FIREFIGHTERS REPORT (*Firefighter President*)** – Stated that Aurora Colony Days is coming up next month. There is no Donald Hazelnut Festival this year. No questions were had.

**OPERATIONAL REPORT (*Operations Chief Dyke*)**

- Operations Report – Report in board packet. No questions were had.
- Fire Marshal Report – Report in board packet. No questions were had.
- Training Report – Report in board packet. No questions were had.

### **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT (*Chief Williams*)**

- New agenda item – With a new board, there will be a need to update and add bank signers.
- New agenda item – suggested training for new board members
- Explained Pulse Point – an app that tracks EMS activity in the area. AFD EMS response is 46% and the national average is 80-90%.
- Chief shared he is very pleased about the levy passing and plans to send out updates via newsletter.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Administrative Assistant – Chief Williams introduced and welcomed the new Admin Assistant, Emily Murphy. He said that she has now been with the district for 1 ½ weeks and they hope to have her for a very long time.
- Grants – Chief Williams explained that he is still waiting for the final details and procurement of the Spire award. He has also applied for over one million dollars in federal grants to help cover personnel costs and the cost of radios needing replaced soon as they are about 20 years old. That cost would be approximately \$400,000.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **BOARD ELECTIONS**

##### **Nominations for President**

Director Daroll Nicholson nominated Greg Leo, who accepted the nomination.

Director Paul Ranta nominated Bobby Meyer, who accepted the nomination.

The Board asked to hear from each candidate before casting their votes.

**Greg Leo** – stated that he has served 9 years on the board, and works for the community. He said he is not out to 'run the fire department' but just write policies and make sure they're followed. He made strong emphasis on emergency preparedness, certification classes being offered, and that he was the reason North Marion Safety Certification was formed.

**Bobby Meyer** – stated that he has served 5 years on the Board, as well as a combined 35 years as volunteer, firefighter and chief in Aurora and Donald. Once he retired, he knew he'd want to serve another way and wanted to instill that the taxpayers are our customers and need the best service. He said he would be honored to serve as president, and also thanked the Volunteer FF Association for supporting his nomination.

Additional Comments – Paul Ranta stated that he was brought to the effort of election by Greg and Rachel Leo. After several meetings, he made the decision to step away from Greg Leo, as he felt his effort was not for the agency. Ranta claimed that Leo says he just wants to 'let the chief do his job' but that is not the intention.

Director Greg Leo was given an opportunity to respond – Greg Leo stated that the comments made by Mr. Ranta were false. Mr. Leo stated that he needs to know that the people he's working with have a certain level of trust, also that he will not step aside and will continue forward with being elected as Board President.

**Roll call vote made for Board President:**

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Voted For</b>
Greg Leo	<b><i>Greg Leo</i></b>
Daroll Nicholson	<b><i>Greg Leo</i></b>
Fred Hartley	<b><i>Greg Leo</i></b>
Bobby Meyer	<b><i>Bobby Meyer</i></b>
Paul Ranta	<b><i>Bobby Meyer</i></b>

**With a vote of 3-2, Greg Leo was elected to position of Board President.**

**Nominations for Vice President**

Director Greg Leo nominated Daroll Nicholson, who accepted the nomination.

Director Paul Ranta nominated Bobby Meyer, who accepted the nomination.

The Board asked to hear from each candidate before casting their votes.

**Daroll Nicholson** – stated that this is a very important meeting. He expressed his thanks to the community of Donald, to the volunteers, the Chiefs – We have the best. He said he hopes he has the trust and respect as the previous mayor of the City of Donald. Indicated that Bobby Meyer has certainly put in the time and is a worthy candidate as well. Nicholson stated that he has a financial background, working for years with American Express, so he will be sure to watch the statements. He also made mention of Donna Hammond and the 23 years she had served on the board, as well as being the postmaster of Donald.

**Bobby Meyer** – Stated that he had already said the majority of what he had to say earlier, but wanted to be sure to add a special thanks to Deb Barnes, who was key to the levy getting passed the second time around. It had lost by just 9 votes the first time, and this time it won by over 200. He said they couldn't have done it without her.

**Roll call vote made Board Vice President:**

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Voted For</b>
Greg Leo	<b><i>Daroll Nicholson</i></b>
Daroll Nicholson	<b><i>Daroll Nicholson</i></b>
Fred Hartley	<b><i>Daroll Nicholson</i></b>
Bobby Meyer	<b><i>Bobby Meyer</i></b>
Paul Ranta	<b><i>Bobby Meyer</i></b>

**With a vote of 3-2, Daroll Nicholson was elected to position of Board Vice President.**

**Nominations for Secretary / Treasurer**

Director Greg Leo nominated Fred Hartley, who accepted the nomination.

Director Daroll Nicholson nominated Bobby Meyer, who accepted the nomination.

The Board asked to hear from each candidate before casting their votes.

**Fred Hartley** – stated that he has served for 40 years in the community. He says he's served on City Council (Donald) and has knowledge of policy.

**Bobby Meyer** – stated that everyone heard from him enough already.

**Roll call vote made for Board Secretary / Treasurer:**

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Voted For</b>
Greg Leo	<i><b>Fred Hartley</b></i>
Daroll Nicholson	<i><b>Bobby Meyer</b></i>
Fred Hartley	<i><b>Fred Hartley</b></i>
Bobby Meyer	<i><b>Bobby Meyer</b></i>
Paul Ranta	<i><b>Bobby Meyer</b></i>

**With a vote of 3-2, Bobby Meyer was elected to position of Board Secretary / Treasurer.**

**BOARD / STAFF TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES** – upcoming through SDAO Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> 2019. Chief Williams has information he's sent out already.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND / OR QUESTIONS**

None were had.

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING:**

Date: Wednesday, August 21, 2019  
Time: 1900 hours (7pm)  
Location: AFD Meeting Room

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting Adjourned at 1936 hours