

BOARD of DIRECTORS: Hoskins-Kings Valley Rural Fire Protection District
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H-KV RFPD Board Minutes
Location: HKV Station 1, 38101 Kings Valley Highway (Hwy 223)

Date/Time	May 20, 2026
Chair	Ted Baker; minutes taken by Celia Felsenberg
Present	Board: Ted Baker, Evelyn Hukari, John Madsen, Michael Rhoades, Celia Felsenberg Staff: Adam Ryan, Rebekah Kermoyan, and James Mellein (Polk County Fire Volunteer)

AGENDA	WHO	DISCUSSION
Call to Order & Welcome	Ted Baker	Call to order at 7:03 pm.
		Approval of Agenda; Motion to approve by John; Second by Michael, MPU
Secretary Report	Celia Felsenberg	Approval of April Minutes; Motion to approve by Evelyn; Second by Michael, MPU
Treasurer Report	John Madsen	Reviewed and approved by board; report attached.
EMT & Chief Report	Adam Ryan, Rebekah Kermoyan	Report attached. Addendum: Mutual aid agreement in effect and active this past month; HKV-RFPD was awarded a Roundhouse Foundation Grant of 5,000; Certifications/trainings this past month in Extrication and EMR; Rebekah scheduled to attend training (OVFA conference/pumper operator class).
Old Business	Adam Michael	Fuel costs owed to KVCS have been paid in full. Strategic Planning Work Group has met several times over recent months; consultants have also attended, inclusive of the Corvallis Fire Chief. Some districts have strategic plans that are largely compliance driven. Aligning HKV's mission with the priorities/realities of staff retention, apparatus repair, and admin support/training will be essential as HKV continues forward with strategic planning efforts.

<p>New Business</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>Discussed the discontinuation of the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between Benton County Sheriff’s Office and Kings Valley Charter School as part of a disaster resilience project in past years; initially signed in 2016. Disaster supplies continue to be housed at KVCS and the condition of these supplies will need to be assessed. HKV Board and staff will coordinate efforts to determine replacement needs and will continue communications regarding future disaster planning needs. HKV will also seek opportunities to increase connection to the emergency/disaster response planning efforts in the Region.</p> <p>HKV Fire Chief (Adam) requested the Board to consider promoting current HKV volunteer, Rebekah Kermoyan, into the position of Deputy Chief. Rebekah has demonstrated much dedication toward strengthening the HKV team. She has also taken great initiative in building her own skills and knowledge through continuous training opportunities/certifications. Board discussed options to financially support a part-time leadership position. Resources such as the OSFM Staffing Grant during wildfire season would be available for partial payout as appropriate to guidelines. Dollars budgeted for training (10,000) could be considered since the past training agreement with Philomath will not be active this new fiscal year. Board will continue to explore options for funding a part-time Deputy Chief position.</p> <p>Let it be known that a vote took place (on this date) to direct HKV Fire Chief to appoint Rebekah Kermoyan as Deputy Chief; initial motion made by Ted; second by John; MPU.</p> <p>Rebekah and Adam presented a staffing plan to Board members for the OSFM (Oregon State Fire Marshall) Wildland Staffing Grant. This grant is awarded as a measure to increase staffing/availability for rapid respond during wildfire season. Motion to approve payroll and staffing plan by Ted; second by John; MPU.</p> <p>Reminder that the FY2026-27 Budget Hearing (to adopt the budget) will take place at the June 17th Board Meeting.</p>
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Actions: Celia will post the notice for the upcoming Budget Hearing in the Corvallis Gazette.
 Rebekah (and Adam) will define job description for Deputy Chief position.
 Adam and/or Rebekah will evaluate the disaster response supplies stored at KVCS.
 Evelyn and John to register Evelyn for LGIP account access.

Closing: Next monthly Board meeting is June 17, 2026
 Meeting Adjourned by Ted at 9:18pm.