

**EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS OF SOUTHERN OREGON
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES**

May 23, 2023

ECSO – 400 Pech Road, Central Point, OR

AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Jackson County	Nathan Sickler	Fire District #3	Mike Hussey
Medford Police Dept	Justin Ivens	Fire District #4	Greg Winfrey
City of Ashland	Tighe O’Meara	Medford Fire Dept	Eric Thompson
City of Phoenix	<i>absent</i>		

Other attendees

Central Point Police Dept: Scott Logue (incoming Board member elect)

ECSO: Tim Doney, Jody Hathaway, Kevin Harris, Corey Nelson, Johnna Pellam, Jeff McCamish

Chair: Mike Hussey

Call to Order: 3:00 pm

Roll call, quorum confirmed

Greg Winfrey moved to approve the March minutes. Tighe O’Meara seconded. Motion passed.

ECSO STAFF REPORTS

Director

- ECSO and RVTD have determined that integrating radio systems would be too expensive. This topic is closed for now; however, RVTD is still open to working with ECSO on it in the future.
- ECSO will be splitting training responsibilities among two supervisors.
- Reminder of need for 6-month evaluation by the Board for the ECSO Director.

HR

Discussed staffing levels and the training progress of ECSO’s newest employees.

Operations

- ECSO is preparing for the increased activity of Fire and Water Rescue season, plus the upcoming Rogue Music Festival.
- RVTD loaned radios to ECSO for testing the footprint of a 700 Mhz system countywide. Initial testing shows good reception results.

Information Technology

- ECSO is working on patching all computers currently in the field

Performance

- ECSO will be participating in Medford School District’s active shooter training in June
- Performance statistics will be sent out to Board members

OLD BUSINESS

Radio Infrastructure Update

- Four unassembled towers have been delivered to ECSO awaiting later installation at tower sites.
- Invitation to Bid for additional sites will close in June.
- A design review meeting with Motorola is being scheduled in June.

CAD2CAD Update

Technical issues with implementation for Josephine County and Mercy Flights has resulted in the project being postponed to avoid introducing any complications during fire season.

ECSO 18-24-month plan

Internal preparation of the plan is proceeding.

ECSO Intergovernmental Council Meetings

The ECSO Council will resume regular meetings. Some members are interested in participating in the proposed Finance Committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Entered Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(d) at 3:17 pm and exited at 3:25 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Union Contract Extension

MOTION: Justin Ivens moved to approve the 6% adjustment to the ECSO Union Contract for the next fiscal year. **AMENDMENT** by Tighe O'Meara to approve the one-year contract extension as presented. Eric Thompson seconded. The motion passed by unanimous roll call.

FY 2023/2024 Budget Adoption

Jody Hathaway presented the ECSO FY 2023/2024 budget.

MOTION: Tighe O'Meara moved that the ECSO Board of Directors adopt the ECSO Fiscal Year 2023/2024 budget as presented, with an eye going forward to making the budget sustainable in coming years. Justin Ivens seconded. The motion passed by unanimous roll call.

Performance Appraisal

Justin Ivens agreed to join Mike Hussey in developing the ECSO Director's performance appraisal.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, and hearing no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 4:09 pm. The next ECSO Board of Directors meeting will be on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 unless otherwise announced.

Respectfully submitted - Jeff McCamish, Recording Secretary

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