

**Sam Owen Fire District
Commissioner's Meeting
February 11, 2026**

Attendance:

Tim Scofield, Chief
Sara Knight, CPA
Al Sly, Captain, Media
Cody Lofland, Captain, Trainer
Lisa Wendle, District 2 Commissioner
Terry Jensen, District 3 Commissioner, Chairman
Tony Butler, District 1 Commissioner, Treasurer (attended by Zoom)
Chis Popov, Volunteer Fire Fighter (attended by Zoom)
Todd Wendle, Newsletter, Reporter
Jack Craemer, Captain
Kelly Thompson, Captain
Darius Ruen, Public

Agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chairman Jensen.

Action Item: There are no changes to the posted agenda.

There are no public comments at this time.

Action Item: The minutes from the 1/14/26 meeting were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Wendle makes a motion to accept the minutes as written. She is seconded by Commissioner Butler. All in favor.

The minutes from the Special Meeting on 1/5/26 were reviewed. Commissioner Wendle makes a motion to accept those minutes and is seconded by Commissioner Butler. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

Per Sara Knight, there is a total of about \$805,000.00 between both bank account balances and the CD's. The amount of \$200,000.00 from the Umpqua Bank/Columbia Bank CD was deposited in the Local Government Investment Pool through the State Treasurer's office on February 2, 2026. The reimbursements from the Sunset Fire have all come in. Overall, the SOFD is within budget. The following bills were presented for payment.

Alexa Garrison

\$ 120.00

Avista	\$ 406.04
Clark Fork Chevron	\$ 357.59
Co-Op Energy	\$ 340.95
First Responder Gr	\$ 1,995.00
Kelly Thompson	\$ 2,528.00
Molly Simko	\$ 150.00
Rivers End LLC	\$ 665.58
Sundberg Solutions	\$ 1,998.33
US Postal Service	\$ 126.00
Visa	\$ 839.86
Waterfront Prop.	\$ 40.93
Citi Card	\$ 2,405.07
EFTPS	\$ 1,545.94
Tim Scofield	\$ 3,353.50
Katherine Cifu	\$ 596.42
Tim Sanders	\$ 1,325.22

Umpqua Bank Checking Account as of 2/11/26 \$409,983.93

Umpqua Bank Savings Account as of 2/11/26 \$235,804.87

Umpqua Bank CD as of 2/11/26 \$4.32

Mountain West CD as of 2/11/26 \$202,626.15

The Costco Citi Card statement is slow in coming in by USPS. Commissioner Butler will change this to be online access.

> Tony Butler to change Citi Card Statement from paper to online.

Action Item: Commissioner Wendle makes a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the bills. The motion was seconded by Chairman Jensen who temporarily stepped down to do so. All in favor.

Darius Ruen came to the SOFD meeting to discuss the Dormar zone change request that has been re submitted to the zoning commission. He explains that the company named Dormar is simply the first name of his parents combined. That this land is not being sold to a contractor, it is still held within the family. He stated that they are only trying to re-establish the zoning that used to be in place. He says that there are no plans to build. The land is currently designated as resort community zoning. He wants it changed to recreational zoning. He says that if and when they plan to develop, they would keep the SOFD in the information loop, and it would be by the book and within the law.

The SOFD is concerned about this rezoning and how it would affect the community and its ability to protect them in an emergency. The new zoning could

potentially add hundreds of individuals and buildings to protect and or evacuate in an emergency. Currently there is only one access/egress route on the peninsula. This change will affect water supply, sewer and roadways. Currently the SOFD does enforce the roadway standards. Darius Ruen ideally wants a letter from the SOFD in support of the zoning change. It is decided that the SOFD will wait until a plan is produced that shows what this change means. So many potential new homes will end up impacting the whole area. A sewer impact fee might have to be created. The SOFD needs to be forward thinking.

Chief's Report:

There have been 6 calls so far this month. One was a medical call, the other five were fire calls.

The Chief reports that all is in good at order at Station 1 except for heater issues in the bays. They will be looked at.

Station 2 has no issues to report at this time.

The equipment status is as follows. Engine #1371 has lighting issues along with its air release valve not working. It will all be looked into.

Volunteer Training is going well. Todd Wendle and Cody Lofland say that they are already 50% through the truck training. The classes that were taught by the two trainers from CDA were awesome. Very well received. In the future they are thinking of maybe co-mingling classes with other stations from the area. They do not want to make the classes too big. The volunteers get more from the smaller classes. Chief Scofield would like to have a training class on the boat with the Sheriff's Dept. and or another fire department. The SOFD is very aware that our volunteers are already attending many hours of training per month, and we do not want to overwhelm them.

Community Relations:

Todd Wendle has been very focused on teaching the new volunteers. He will have several articles complete and ready to submit to the local papers by the end of February.

Chris Popov says that the grant writing company is being hired.

He says that this company has found a new grant from the Department of the Interior. The SOFD could apply for a Slide-On unit. This unit can be customized to have all the items the SOFD would find useful. The SOFD needs to determine whether it will go on to an existing vehicle or if we need to purchase a vehicle for it.

Action Item: Commissioner Wendle makes a motion to hire and pay the First Responders Grants LLC. a sum of \$1,995.00 for their assistance with this DOI Grant and the research on the AFG grant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Butler. All in favor.

Action Item: Commissioner Wendle makes a motion to request proposals in order to qualify for AFG 2026 Grant Application Writing and Submission Assistance Services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Butler. All in favor.

Old Business:

Kelly Thompson reports that the electrician will be at Station 1 to finish. GFI outlets will be changed so that the drywallers can do their job. Kelly Thompson has made a suggestion as to which drywaller he would have in to do the job. The drywaller will not be putting on the primer or the coat of texture that is needed before the final painting is done. He suggests that the SOFD hire professionals to do the job. Not to ask the volunteer fire fighters to do it.

The Chief has received the list of repairs and improvements for #1391 (boat) from Hope Marine Services. The boat is also ready for its yearly service. Chris Popov says that the grant the SOFD is looking at will not reimburse for work that is already done. He suggests working the list from absolute must haves, and holding off on all upgrades and cosmetic items till the SOFD gets a grant response.

Commissioner Jensen reports that the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) was put in on 2/2/26. There is no interest, but the rate of return is very good. The balance information of this fund needs to go to Sara Knight. All three of the Commissioners must have access to look at this data. Commissioner Lisa Wendle is to be added to the account in addition to Tony Butler and Terry Jensen.

- > Make sure that Sara Knight has access to the LGIP information on a monthly basis.

The Chief has been working on SOG 's 3.09 & 3.13. He has updated the wording. Chris Popov suggests creating an Org. Chart to help with the job definitions and titles. He will work with the Chief on this. These SOG's will be revisited.

New Business:

The new wording on SOG 4.03 Vehicle Operation Safety Standards will be emailed to the Commissioners for review. This is tabled until next month.

Chief Scofield suggests an executive session under Idaho Code 74-206(1) (b) Roll call as follows. Commissioner Butler- Aye. Commissioner Jensen- Aye. Commissioner Wendle- Aye.

Executive session started at 7:13P.M.

The meeting resumed at 7:40P.M.

Action Item: Commissioner Butler makes a motion to adjourn at 7:41 P.M.. He is seconded by Commissioner Wendle. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexa Garrison, Secretary