

MEETING MINUTES

Rural Structural Fire Protection Review Taskforce (HB 2522)

Meeting: Friday, February 23, 2024, 9:30am
 Location: Salem OSFM HQ, Mt. Hood Conference Room

Introduction

CALL TO ORDER

Chief Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM

Attendance

MEMBERS & ALTERNATES

Member	In Attendance	Not in Attendance
Roger Johnson, Chair	x	
Christopher Griffin, OFDDA	x	
Ty Darby, OFMA	x	
Genoa Ingram, OFDDA/OFVA	x	
Mike Cook, OFVA	x	
Karl Koenig, OSFFC	x	
Ben Stange, SDAO	x	
Mike Hussey, OFCA	x	
James Cleavenger, LOC	x	
Brian Stewart, OFCA	x	
Irik Rinnert, OSFFC	x	
Kevin Cameron, AOC		x
Mariah Rawlins, OSFM	x	
Travis Medema, OSFM	x	

ALTERNATES

Member	In Attendance	Not in Attendance
Rick Huffman, OFCA		x
Alvin Klausen, AOC		x
Scott Hollett, LOC		x

STAFF

Member	In Attendance	Not in Attendance
Mariana Ruiz-Temple, GFSPC Executive Director	x	
Eric Gemmil, OSFM	x	
Adam Meyer, OSFM, Administrator		x
Kassie Keller, OSFM	x	
Alison Green, OSFM	x	
Amanda Wright, OSFM, Scribe	x	
Christy Monson, DOJ	x	

OTHERS in ATTENDANCE

Member	In Attendance	Not in Attendance
Claire McGrew	x	
Chief Paulson	x	

Meeting Notes

Notice of this meeting was published though Oregon Transparency Website:

<https://www.oregon.gov/transparency/Pages/Public-Meetings.aspx>

Meeting

On Friday February 23, 2024, at 9:32 am Chair Chief Roger Johnson called the HB2522 Task Force Committee Meeting to order.

Meeting Minutes Review

Task Force Chair, Chief Johnson

The January 18, 2024, meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously. Have Scot review his section when back in the office 2/26.

The Meeting Minutes can be viewed at the following link: [Oregon State Fire Marshal : State of Oregon](#)

Data, Surveying, and Research

Eric Gemmel, A&I Unit Manager, OSFM

The influx map combines ODOT traffic count data and Travel Oregon survey data to show the increase in people during peak tourism/travel season (season) over-and-above normal trends. This map was in response to the question of how could we measure the influx of visitors to per fire jurisdiction. It should be noted that the map is a very coarse generalization of the influx of visitors given the disparate and nature of the datasets; however, they can be seen as reflective of the general trends.

Most Fire Districts have a recorder that captures data flow which helped with this analysis. Central Oregon has more visitors during the winter compared to the rest of the state of Oregon.

It would be great to see an overlay with rural fire protection districts that are volunteer and combo. As an example. All high visitor area are transportation routes

Follow-up ORS 478.001-478.390

Committee

478.010: 2(a)2(b) group agrees to leave as is. 2(c) is out of scope.

- 2(e) – Recommendation is to work with the full committee at a future meeting for further clarification.

478.210: The committee unanimously recommended moving forward as written.

478.228: The committee unanimously recommended moving forward as written.

478.250: The committee unanimously recommended moving forward as written.

- The discussion with smaller districts was great.

478.260: The committee unanimously recommended forming a subcommittee to discuss further and report back in March.

- The subcommittee will include DOJ, Chief Johnosn, Travis Medema, Ty Darby, Genoa Ingram, and Karl Koenig.

- (1): The committee was interested in broadening the criteria Fire Departments can use when hiring a fire chief and clarifying that “or otherwise” allows a FD to consider FC’s who may not have training in fire prevention.
- (4): The committee was interested in ensuring that FDs could provide non-emergency ambulance services, including well checks. This likely will not include striking the word “emergency,” but would require some additional language be added to the statute.
- Cross reference 682.

478.270: The committee unanimously recommended OSFM Staff subcommittee.

- The subcommittee will include Mariana Ruiz-Temple, Travis Medema, Claire McGrew, and Eric Gemmil.
- There could be national changes coming soon for reporting.
- Seems like legacy language. Now electronic vs paper.
- Incident reporting is done electronically and typically done in a week of the incident.

478.280: Recommendation is to have full committee do outreach, compile what is being done around the state and report back March.

- How many boards hire assistance vs the chief.
- This is a policy issue.
- There are some districts that currently have this challenge.

478.290: The committee unanimously recommended moving forward as written.

478.300: The committee unanimously recommended moving forward as written. Out of scope.

478.305: The committee unanimously recommended moving forward as written.

- ORS 190 already gives the authority to create a jointly controlled and owned 911 agency.
- This statute isn’t the place to change the impact.

478.310: Recommendation is to have full committee do outreach, compile what is being practiced around the state and report back March/April.

- Mariah is researching ORS 476.290 which is tied to an OAR and involves the Mob Plan. Each pointed back to one another.
- Section (3) defines what a roadway is.
- OSFM staff should discuss how they are all connected.

478.335: The committee unanimously recommended moving forward as written.

478.340: Request DOJ clarification on CBA, Pers, and Service Contracts.

- For DOJ to research, underline the language that needs discussion.

478.315 Response to fire or public safety incident in Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area; payment of costs.

Chief Paulson

Typically, cautious about billing partner agencies ODF, and Parks and Rec in order to maintain the relationship.

Years ago, a partner agency was performing annual maintenance and using the wrong tools which started a fire. The agency could have been billed but wasn’t in order to maintain the relationship.

Fire protection contracts are pretty much gone but could be approached again with ODOT. Another option is a contract for cost recovery. Staffing is an issue that agencies and districts run it to. Responding outside of the district is difficult.

Follow-up questions: Must wrongdoing be found in order to bill? Where does liability start?

Billing Example(s),

- If there is a car wreck, the patient is billed for services, not the State Park.
- When billing on I84 the patient is billed for transport anything over and above would be billed to auto insurance. We do not bill ODOT.
- Refer to language in in (2) for who pays.

ORS Chapter 478.410-478.665 Review Committee

478.410: The committee unanimously recommended forming an OSFM Staff subcommittee to discuss further and report back in March.

- The subcommittee will include Mariana Ruiz-Temple, Travis Medema, Claire McGrew, and Mariah Rawlins.
- What is the intent?
- Collecting the fees is part of the issue. More teeth in collecting . Cost base fees.

478.420: The committee unanimously recommended moving forward as written.

478.430: The committee unanimously recommended moving forward as written.

478.440: The committee unanimously recommended moving forward as written.

- Changing the word whatever to whatsoever would not make a change.

478.450: Add to homework, wrong section was included in PPP.

478.460: The committee unanimously recommended moving forward as written.

478.470: Request DOR clarification on what “warrants” are and report back at the March/April Meeting.

478.480: The committee unanimously recommended moving forward as written.

478.485: The committee unanimously recommends an update to reflect current Oregon Public Notice Laws.

478.490: The committee unanimously agrees to request DOJ clarification on tax limitations/rates.

478.495: The committee unanimously recommended moving forward as written.

478.500: The committee unanimously recommended creating a subcommittee to review 480, 490, 500 and report back at the March/April Meeting.

478.505: Request DOR clarification on the history of the tax zones and where are they? No one knows of one.

478.560: The committee unanimously recommended moving forward as written.

478.665: Out of scope.

Close Out and Future Needs

Task Force Chair Chief Johnson

- Homework 478.702-478.990 and 478.450

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 1317 pm.
- Next meeting: March 27th at OSFM HQ