

WILLIAMS RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Special Board Meeting Minutes – Position 5 Interviews
February 3, 2022

Called to Order at 12:39pm

Roll Call:

Board Members Present

Position 1 – Heather Glass
Position 2 – **vacant**
Position 3 – Claudia Pratt
Position 4 – Bill Ertel
Position 5 – **vacant**

Williams Staff Present

Administrative Assistant – Jennifer Vetter

Interviewees:

Wilma Hyde
Brian Barton

Announcements:

Position #5 was formerly Wes Nevotti’s position. There will be six questions. Questions will alternate between the applicants with each board member having a turn to ask questions of each applicant.

What Skills would you bring to the Board?

Brian Barton – Has been on many boards and committees. Likes to get meetings done and come in with a plan. Problem solver, works well with others. Other boards that he has been on have received awards and news articles. Good verbal communicator. Was on the Town Council, Water Shed Council, and Master of the Grange.

Wilma Hyde – Organization, trustworthy, honest. Was on the Town Council and currently with Food Share.

Would you have any conflict performing the duties of the board (inclusive of board meetings, policy, large budget purchases that are not routine)?

Wilma Hyde – No problems.

Brian Barton – No problems.

If nominated for the position, would you be willing to assume responsibilities for secretary, chair, or vice chair (not immediately and if comfortable)?

Brian Barton – Could do Secretarial position (not preferred) but could get the job done.

Wilma Hyde – Would prefer Chair or Vice Chair. Could do secretarial.

Why are you interested in becoming a board member?

Wilma Hyde – Lived here 20 years, knows many people, been on Fire Department Support Group for almost 3 years, has time to volunteer and learning a bit more each time she attends a board meeting

Brian Barton – Not on any boards at this time other than the Water Shed Council. Feels that he always needs to be on a board to see what he could do to help. Felt that this is a good board. Does not want to see the department like it was a few years ago

What is your understanding of the board's relationship with the fire chief and other staff members?

Brian Barton – Everything seems to be working and everyone gets along pretty well. Would want the staff to know that he would be there to get what is needed for the staff and the department. The board needs to have a good relationship with the staff.

Wilma Hyde – Feels that the 'close knit' family type is needed to help make everything run and bring it together. Communication is key.

How do you deal with conflict? How do you be open and honest without bringing personal emotions into it?

Wilma Hyde – Have to be open and honest, 'lay it out on the line'. Could have a discussion to learn about the issue.

Brian Barton – As a board member, you shouldn't be a board member if you cannot leave your personal feelings out. Whatever a decision is that is made, you do it, even if you don't like it.

Do what you can to let your feelings be known. Would rather abstain and/or resign if something is going on that he does not believe in.

Comments/Statements/Questions to the Board

Brian Barton: Appreciates the fire department and where it is right now. Thinks it is in a really good place and in good hands. Wouldn't mind being one of the hands.

Wilma Hyde: Agrees with Brian and that tax payers money is being spent well

Board Chairperson Claudia Pratt: This is a 2 year position of the remaining 4 years that will be filled by board appointment and then be back up on the ballot in 2023 Special Election where the remainder of the 2 years will be up for election.

Board Member Bill Ertel: The board members can receive up to \$50 per Oregon statute for their participation. The current amount available to each board member is \$45 per month. There are also many resources that can enhance board member skills. Recommends that members participate in the SDAO trainings.

Board Chairperson Claudia Pratt: Motion and vote will take place on Monday, February 7, 2022 at the open forum regular board meeting at 6pm.

Board Members collectively stated in the meeting that there will be another interview process and applications are being accepted for the opening of Position #2 which closes Thursday, February 10 at noon. There is no interview date established at this time.

Motion to Adjourn:

- A motion to adjourn was made by Heather Glass and seconded by Bill Ertel at 1:16pm. It was approved unanimously to adjourn.

Attachments: Board Interviewee Applications, Board Interviewer Questions

Respectfully Submitted:

Claudia Pratt, Board Chairperson