



SCAPPOOSE FIRE DISTRICT

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCAPPOOSE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019, SCAPPOOSE FIRE STATION, SCAPPOOSE, OREGON.

ATTENDANCE: Board members present: R. Cairns, A. Krieck, D. Sorenson, D. Grant, and D. Graham.

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Chief Greisen, D/C Pricher, and J. Salisbury.

CALL TO ORDER: President Cairns called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and led the flag salute.

AUDIENCE: Lt Heuer, FF Maginn, FF DuBois, and FF Liebig.

CONSENT AGENDA: President Cairns opened discussion on the consent agenda items. Mr. Sorenson moved approval of the consent agenda and Mr. Graham seconded. Regarding the District's \$250 check toward the Wapato Marina's signage, Chief Pricher said they have just incurred significant expense to comply with current regulations. In view of this, the District agreed to share in the cost of the address sign in exchange for the Marina allowing other groups to see the improvements they have made. The iPads were \$350 apiece, a special deal with a limit of 3 per district. The Information Technology will exceed budget this year, but other categories will be substantially less than budget which will offset the IT overage. The volunteers are paying for the Lake House for Ms. Engstrom's retirement party. Ms. Heath receives a cell phone stipend because she uses it frequently for District business. A copy of her bill shows that her total cost exceeds \$50. The motion to approve the consent agenda carried unanimously.

CHIEFS' REPORTS:

Fire Chief Report – Chief Greisen said he has been working on the IGA. With Board approval tonight, the attorney will remove the red-lined language and make the changes permanent. Some appendixes were changed to exhibits because those guidelines were included in the original IGA and must remain part of it.

Negotiations have opened with IAFF 1660. Meetings are scheduled for April 8, April 23, and May 1. There will probably be an executive session to discuss this at the April board meeting.

Ms. Nelson with CRFR has drafted the Request For Proposal for the consulting services needed to analyze and evaluate the IGA. More changes need to be made, and it

will be ready for approval at the Oversight Committee meeting Wednesday March 20. The meeting time has not been determined yet. Mr. Kreutzer with CRFR is arranging for it.

Senate Bill 528 passed unanimously and now goes to the House of Representatives. This is the bill that recognizes fallen firefighters.

Scappoose urban renewal - Chief Greisen said he does not support it because the city and districts will lose operating funds with little prospect of job growth.

EMS Chief Report – Staff present said Image Trend is working fine. Lt. Heuer said that while it has a few quirks, it is the best product available for our purposes. Some paramedics have mentioned that they can have their transport reports completed by the time the ambulance reaches Cornelius Pass on the way home.

Dave Coombs requested to resign the Division Chief position and return to Captain. CRFR will have to advertise for the vacant position. This will increase the workload on the four remaining Division Chiefs until the new Division Chief is hired and established in the position. Chief Smythe is assigned to A shift, Chief O'Connor to B shift, and Chief Marks to C shift in order to give the career staff more access to the chiefs and improve communications.

Safety & Resource Chief Report – The security improvements are almost complete at the Scappoose station. The new fobs are available and the new monitors have been installed.

Operations Chief Report – The references to Flex Lease in this report are only applicable to CRFR. All CRFR ambulances are operating now. Both districts are purchasing saws to replace old ones and standardize equipment between the districts.

Discussion of SRFD call statistics: If the year continues as it has begun, the District will have almost 3,000 calls by year-end.

Training Chief Report – Chief Greisen said Chief Marks will probably be on light duty for the next two months.

Fire Marshal Report – The Regional Disaster Preparedness organization has written a \$100,000 grant for a 5-county FAA operations guide for an aviation program. The guide will be written by a contractor. We are optimistic about receiving this since it was rated 3rd out of 20 applications. The grant will be included in the 2019-20 budget.

The District has received almost double the income budgeted for Fire Marshal. These funds will be used to hire temporary assistance since the need will ebb and flow with economic cycles.

EMS Receipts report. The report shows that the District has received about \$53,000 during the month immediately preceding the board meeting, and Systems Design West was responsible for over 70% of that amount.

Minutes for the Joint Board Meeting on February 28th – no discussion.

Class A Burn Cell Purchase Proposal – The total cost of the proposed transaction is

\$32,100. The other items on the WRG quote are not being considered right now. The proposed share of the cost for Scappoose is \$25,000. \$20,000 of the Scappoose payment will pay for the District's 2018-19 use of the CRFR training center. The remaining \$5,000 will be applied to the amount owed for 2019-20. Mr. Sorenson made a motion for Scappoose to pay \$25,000 toward the Class A Burn Cell at the CRFR training grounds. Mr. Kriek seconded the motion.

The motion to purchase the Class A Burn Cell carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous – The attorney expects to complete the IGA this week. It will go to both boards for approval in April.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Awards & Incentives Committee – Chief Greisen said that if the District plans to deposit funds for prior years' service, this must be determined before the LOSAP plan is adopted.
- B. Management Team Committee – Mr. Graham reported that the Committee discussed the items on the agenda. Chief Greisen discussed the planned construction on Cornelius Pass. At NW 8th, there is a bridge over a creek. A fish-bearing culvert will be installed there. The hillside will be blasted at the double-S curve in order to straighten the road somewhat. There will be paving and widening at Kaiser Road, more signage, guard rails, deeper pilings, and creation of better lines of sight. Knife River plans to stage rock on the other side of the hill before the Pass is closed for construction. There is only \$5.9 million to work on Cornelius Pass, so the focus is on the highest priority safety concerns. All of the work done will be in Multnomah County because Multnomah received federal funds for this purpose and must spend them.
- C. Planning Committee – A meeting will be scheduled at the end of this meeting.
- D. Oversight Committee – Next meeting is Wednesday, March 20. Mr. Dunkel will attend and discuss the services SDAO can offer for fire chief recruiting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Major Budget Items Discussion. The Board reviewed the list of items proposed to date. Chief Greisen noted that the District cannot afford all of them.

Lexipol is a policy and procedure service that can bring us up-to-date. It has been serving law enforcement for many years, and started working with fire districts in the last 8 years. \$22,000 is the setup cost for both Scappoose and CRFR, and the districts will share the expense equally. The total annual cost is \$10,000, which is \$5,000 per district.

We can set aside funds for the engine and the cardiac monitors and purchase when we have the amounts needed.

Between the PERS rate increases and increased staffing, the annual PERS expense is expected to cost \$120,000 more than this year. This may mean that the District cannot set-aside money to save in the upcoming PERS Incentive Fund.

Special Districts Insurance Services went out for bid on behalf of the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association group (OFCA), and the two finalists were Moda and Regence Blue Cross. Moda quoted the current plan with an 11% increase, and Regence quoted with a 5% increase. The OFCA members voted, and the majority agreed to go with Regence.

Special Districts did extensive research and determined that Regence works with

almost all the same doctors as Moda. The missing ones practice in Salem, so hopefully this will not affect our employees. It is always difficult to change insurance companies, but Special Districts is committed to making it go as smoothly as possible.


AUDIENCE: No comment.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Mr. Kriek described a complaint that appeared on Concerned Citizens of Columbia County. He noted that Ms. Engstrom had responded to this complaint by encouraging the person to contact her directly, promising to investigate and reply to the person with as much information as she was able to share, given HIPAA rules. The board expressed appreciation for her professionalism and responsiveness.

The Board reviewed the thank you notes.

ADJOURNMENT: President Cairns adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Signed this 11th day of April, 2019.



Ron Cairns, President



David Grant, Secretary