

Scappoose Rural Fire District

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING Scappoose Rural Fire District

August Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, August 11, 2022, 7:00 – 10:00 (PST)

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In attendance: President Reeves, Vice-President Gift, Director Sorenson, Director Kriek, Director Graham

Others in attendance: Chief Pricher, Chief Marks, Chief Bautista, Lt. DuBois, NIFF Curio, FF Booth, FF Ahlers, FF Wenner, FF Liebig, FD Bloomquist

Call to Order & Flag Salute – 7:00 pm

Public Comment: No public comments.

“This is the time for public comment on agenda and non-agenda items. The Board will not take any immediate action but will document all comments and/or concerns. Any further action deemed appropriate will be taken promptly. We appreciate you keeping comments to 3 minutes per individual or 5 minutes if you are representing a group of patrons. Please note, personnel concerns will not be discussed in a public meeting. If you have any concerns with personnel, please schedule a meeting with the Fire Chief or Board President.”

Consent Agenda: Director Graham moved to approve the consent agenda. Director Sorenson seconded the motion.

FD Bloomquist submitted updates to July’s meeting minutes.

Vice President Gift asked about \$4500 expenses on the 2017 F350. Curio stated that it lost power on a call as well as an alternator.

Director Sorenson asked for clarification on page 8 of the board packet regarding two payments to SDIS Health Plan made on July 14, 2022, and July 31, 2022. FD Bloomquist explained one payment was from the prior month and one from the current month.

Director Gift asked about an expense described as 'annex area and special contracts.' Chief Pricher explained the cost agreement with C-Com and Multnomah County.

Director Gift asked about Hermiston reimbursement payments. FD Bloomquist explained that those training related expenses had been reimbursed.

The board appreciates the additional detail in the check detail report.

Motion carried unanimously.

- Approve minutes from the 7-14-22 Regular meeting
- Approve 7-29-22 Expense Account activity
- 7-29-22 Budget vs. Actual

Statistical Data:

- Ambulance Activity Report – Chief Pricher summarized the emailed information reflecting about 91 transports and \$75,000.
- FD Bloomquist was asked to describe a recent move to paper checks from Zelis POS. *SRFD has moved to receiving paper checks from Zelis EMS transport payments, rather than virtual credit card payments, saving the district 3.5% per transaction. This POS system was set up years ago and allows SRFD to receive credit card payments through insurance agencies. We now will realize 100% of the EMS payments made through Zelis. Our contract with Systems Design West remains the same. They continue to make ACH and direct deposits into our checking account for EMS transports.*
- Response Activity Report - The busiest day of the week is random. Director Gift asked if there is a way to know if there were any triple hits on a given day. Chief Pricher explained how double & triple hits are reflected on the response activity reports.
- UAS Flight Summary - No questions

Staff Reports:

- **Chief's Report** – Director Sorenson mentioned the increase in grant applications & funding. Director Sorenson asked about the probability of the high school program receiving funding. Chief Pricher explained the probability and timeline involved with this discretionary funding opportunity.
- **Operations Report** – Director Graham inquired about fireboat expenses. Chief Marks explained the necessary upgrades.
- **Fire Marshal and Training Report** – Director Sorenson asked about driveway inspections on Dixie Mountain Rd. We have private fire contracts on this road.
- Company inspector courses are in progress, scheduled to be completed in late August. Chief Bautista thanked the staff for work with the academy. Chief Bautista has been with SRFD for just over one year.

- **EMS Operations Report** – Chief Marks explained the sprinkler system repairs recently completed at the station. Although the recommendation is to replace/repair the entire system, this project will be on hold until decisions are made regarding building renovations.
- **Finance Report** – Vice President thanked FD Bloomquist for his first few months.

Old Business:

Director Graham motioned to have Fire Chief Pricher close the VISA accounts at InRoads Credit Union. Vice President Gift seconded. There was no discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports: After discussion with all board members, President Reeves offered the following committee appointments:

Management Team: Director Sorenson, Vice President Gift

Long Range Planning: Director Graham, Vice President Gift

Awards and Incentives: Director Kriek, President Reeves

Director Graham motioned to approve the committee appointments as stated. Director Sorenson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous: Chief Pricher explained the process of selecting a contractor for the development of the Strategic Plan. This information will appear in an upcoming staff report.

New Business: President Reeves read the following prior to moving to executive session:

Pursuant to ORS 192.640(1), the Board of Directors for the Scappoose Fire District reserves the right to consider and discuss, in either open session or Executive Session, additional subjects which may arise after the agenda is published.

Executive Session began at 7:38 pm.

Regular Session resumed at 8:07 pm.

Director Sorenson motioned to approve the labor agreement with Local 1660 as presented. Director Graham seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Structure Engine Replacement: Chief Pricher will submit a staff report at the September board meeting for a new structure engine costing between \$550,000 - \$650,000. Orders for new engines are years out. Chief Pricher said that by next fiscal year there will be enough money in the budget to pay cash for the apparatus. This will allow SRFD to lock in a price and hedge future inflation. This apparatus will be a replacement for one of the twin engines.

Fire station space: A meeting with the architect will take place later in August with rough drawings. Work continues moving toward building improvements.

Good of the Order

President Reeves will be absent for the October meeting.
A sympathy card for Ron Maruska is in the board room.

Adjourn: Director Sorenson moved to adjourn. Vice-President Gift seconded.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

**Italics indicate corrected information.*