

Scappoose Rural Fire District

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING April Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, April 14, 2022, 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM (PDT)

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In attendance: President Sorenson, Director Kriek, Director Graham, Director Gift, Director Reeves (electronically) Chief Pricher, Chief Bautista, Lt. Heuer, FF Zimbrick, FF Dietz, NIFF Curio, FD Bloomquist, M Heath

Call to Order & Flag Salute – 7: 01 pm call to order

Public Comment:

“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 Kriek seconded the motion. Director Gift asked for clarification on the March Board Meeting minutes. Minutes were correct. Directors inquired about individual expenses in the transaction detail account.

Directors discussed the budget vs. actual report with a focus on property taxes. There was an error in Multnomah Co. budget projections. We have received 100% of the permanent rate levy and 98.3% of the local option levy taxes as budgeted.

Directors discussed account #750 budget vs. actual. Chief Pricher mentioned that this account also includes fuel and there will be a moratorium placed on this account to stay in budget until the end of the fiscal year.

Motion carried unanimously.

- Approve minutes from the March 10, 2022, Regular meeting
- Approve 3.31.22 Expense Account activity
- 3.31.22 Budget vs. Actual

Statistical Data:

- Ambulance Activity Report – Revenues are up. Call volume has increased approx. 6.5% from this point last year.
- Response Activity Report – We are averaging 6 calls/day. Director Gift asked if we know the basis of “Good Intent” calls. The district has been working with the community paramedic and local agencies to decrease and better identify these types of calls.

Staff Reports:

- Chief’s Report - Chief Pricher spoke to the Senate Discretionary Funding as well as this month’s challenges with financial operations.
- Operations Report – Staffing challenges, Chief Bautista’s recent deployment, and new engine is now in service. ASA report continues to be in the works. Columbia County Commission will receive this report. Building roof repairs were discussed, as well as a current architect survey. Every member of the organization is requested to respond. Chief Pricher thanked the staff for helping staff the station.
- Chief Bautista’s Report – Fire Marshal duties have increased, inspections & pre-plans with training on Intterra software are beginning to be used. Chief Bautista will also be investigating the use of consulting fees for Fire Marshal duties and the time involved.
- Chief Marks’ Report – The ASA report was discussed in Operations.
- FD Bloomquist’s Report – Mike is learning the process and quickly making the transition to the fire agency.

Old Business:

- **Policy Manual Updates** (*This will be ongoing over the next several months*)
- **Budget discussion – Discussion on major budget items:** The major expense priorities will be presented next year.

Committee Reports:

- Management Team – Met prior to tonight’s meeting.
- Long Range Planning Committee – No meeting
- Awards & Incentives – Funding for LOSAP. Update for this on next board meeting agenda.

Miscellaneous:

New Business:

- Cot Loading Equipment – Chief Pricher would like to purchase this prior to end of the fiscal year. The funds are available in capital outlay. NIFF Curio said there is an ORS coming that requires safety measures similar to what this cot will provide. The board asked about how long it will take to receive the cot. NIFF Curio is ready to purchase. Director Graham motions to purchase the Stryker Power Loader not to exceed \$25,532.55. Director Gift seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Good of the Order: Director Graham mentioned the newspaper articles featuring staff.

Director Gift mentioned that a prior board member James Baughn passed recently. We need to send something to the family. M Heath will take care of this.

1. **Executive Session:** ORS 192.660(2)(D) to discuss Labor negotiations. 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.

Adjourn. Director Graham motioned to adjourn; Director Gift seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.