

# Scappoose Rural Fire District

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING Scappoose Rural Fire District

March Regular Board Meeting

Thu, Mar 10, 2022, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM (PST)

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In attendance: President Sorenson, Vice President Reeves, Director Kriek, Director Graham, Director Gift, Chief Pricher, FF Chaffeur, FF Gandara, FF Mathews, FF Green, NIFF Bernier, NIFF Wenner, Lt. Anderson, Dave Grant, M Heath

**Call to Order & Flag Salute – 7: 00 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 Kriek moved to approve the consent agenda. Director Graham seconded the motion.

Director Kriek and Director Graham inquired about TrueNorth expenses. Chief Pricher & Lt. Anderson explained those expenses.

President Sorenson inquired about the purchase of chainsaws, circular saw and WOEC budget bill-pay.

Budget vs. Actual: We have collected 95% of the budgeted 90% taxes with 4 months remaining in the fiscal year.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

- Approve minutes from the February 10, 2022, Regular meeting
- Approve 2.28.22 Expense Account activity
- 2.28.22 Budget vs. Actual

#### **Statistical Data:**

- Ambulance Activity Report – Revenues are looking stronger for the year to date.
- Response Activity Report – It was noted we are averaging approximately 6 calls/day.

#### **Staff Reports:**

- Chief's Report - President Sorenson asked if there were updates on the grants listed in the report. SRFD expects to hear about grant awards in late summer. RDPO project almost complete. Chief Pricher explained the progress on the project. SRFD has received 2 of 3 waivers applied for.  
Chief Pricher also updated the board on the hiring of the Finance Director, FF/Paramedic & part-time positions. No movement on ASA from last month.  
Update on boathouse improvements and update on the rental fee situation.
- Operations Report – Radios have arrived & installs are being scheduled. These radios are 16 channel and can hold multiple frequencies allowing easier communication with other agency partners. We can also field program these radios with the new handhelds. The delay on the new ambulance chassis could be as far out as Feb. 2023. New engine push-in ceremony is expected in the next week or two. Chapman generator is operational, but still needs work.
- Chief Marks' Report – Discussion on SRFD's participation in beta testing Operative IQ. Discussion on new RAWs stations in conjunction with other agencies in the county, in addition to smaller weather stations at all fire stations across the county.
- Chief Bautista's Report - Discussion on fire extinguisher training at Cascades Tissue. Discussion on possible fees for consultations for driveway inspections. Fee changes for consultations to be considered when we review our fee schedule.

#### **Old Business:**

- Policy Manual Updates (*This will be ongoing over the next several months*)  
Drug and Alcohol Policy for board review.
- Hiring Processes update: See consent agenda discussion.
- Columbia County Communications Radio System Replacement: The board discussed the options presented in the Feb. board packet memorandum, asking questions about the drawbacks and benefits of each. They also asked how their priorities will be included in the final decision the 911 Board will take. The board asked to meet with the 911 Director for an opportunity to ask questions. Chief Pricher will facilitate inviting Mr. Fletcher to the next board meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

- Management Team – Met prior to the Board meeting
- Long Range Planning Committee – No report
- Awards & Incentives – Funding for SVFA LOSAP – No report

**Miscellaneous:**

SDIS Discount: This year's incentive is Board focused. The board will work on meeting these requirements. The training portion of the discount may need to be scheduled. President Sorenson requested a copy of the SDIS discount flyer.

**New Business:****1. Budget discussion – Discussion on major budget items:**

The board reviewed and discussed the list of major budget items from the Feb. board packet memorandum. Chief Pricher noted that some costs listed are currently built into the budget, and other costs have risen since the list was generated.

Chief Pricher requested the board and budget committee present their top five priorities for budget development.

**2. 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.**

Entered Executive Session at 8:59 pm

Executive Session ended at 9:17 pm.

**Good of the Order:** N/A

**Adjourn.** Director Gift motioned to adjourn; Director Reeves seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.