

Scappoose Rural Fire District

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Board Members and Required Staff met in-person at
Scappoose Fire District Main Station
Also held electronically via GoToMeeting and telephone call-in number
Thursday October 14, 2021 7:00 PM

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Consent Agenda:

- Approve minutes from the September 16, 2021 Regular meeting
- Approve 9.30.21 Expense Account activity
- 9.30.21 Budget vs. Actual

Director Graham moved to approve the consent agenda. Director Kriek seconded the motion.

Discussion: Director Kriek asked about Klienberg tech. Chief Pricher informed the board that Klienberg tech is the outside company that produces monthly reports. Director Sorenson inquired about Wilcox and Flegel bill. Chief Marks explained the situation and the 3 months without bills. No additional questions. Vote was called, **motion carried unanimously.**

Statistical Data:

- Ambulance Activity Report - Chief Pricher explained the transports and the current trend. He discussed how ambulance billing works.

- Response Activity Report – The Board held a discussion on the report and the things the board would like to see included in it. Discussion was held on consolidating the two reports. Discussion on Good intent calls. Director Kriek inquired about MDA Calls and whether the District receives any revenue from these. Chief Pricher explained Medicare billing and its challenges to the organization.

Staff Reports:

- Chief’s Report – Chief Pricher informed the board of the upcoming hiring’s and hiring process. Chief Pricher led discussion on EMS boundaries and explained they are being examined due to challenges with dispatch and the multiple jurisdictions involved. Chief Pricher explained the strategic planning process and how the district is moving along. Chief Pricher informed the board about the Multi-Jurisdictional training coordination. Director Gift asked about chief examiner and the current process. Chief Pricher updated the board on the current process. Director Gift asked about MOU with 1660 and new part time hires. Discussion on when the new engine will be placed in service. Director Gift inquired about when the NIFF would start. Chief Pricher indicated end of November.
- Fire Marshal Report – Chief Pricher informed the board of all the plan reviews ongoing.
- Operations Report – Director Sorenson inquired if the 1993 ladder truck was back in service. Chief Pricher explained the fix and what the current work around is for the time being. Director Sorenson inquired about the All Hands meeting on Wednesday 10/13/21. Chief Pricher explained his approach to replacing equipment and building solid partnerships with the city.
- Training Report – Division Chief Marks updated the board on his training back east at NFA, and the value it brings to SRFD. Discussed NFA’s concerns about ongoing education. DC Marks informed the board that the volunteer academy will be in February with county wide cooperation.
- Chief Bautista Report – Discussion on Division Chief Bautista’s report
- Financial Report - Discussion on OT and potential personal costs

Old Business:

1. Policy Manual Updates (*This will be ongoing over the next several months*) – no discussion was held on this topic.
2. Discussion on board policy 4.21 Residency Requirement - Discussion on proposal. Director Sorenson pointed out the main difference in the policy is the 6 mile air radius. Chief Pricher advised the board that the policy is based on best practices. Director Gift reiterated SDAOS stance on being able to enforce a mileage requirement. Director Kriek expressed his gratitude for the positive changes. Director Gift moved to approve the policy changes as presented. Director Graham seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously to change the policy.**
3. Discussion on Board Goals – No update since September meeting.

Committee Reports:

- Management Team – update will be in executive session

- Long Range Planning Committee –
- Awards & Incentives – no meeting was held

Miscellaneous:

New Business:

- Approve Director Mark Gift to lead labor negotiations on behalf of the board. – Director Sorenson clarified that the board needs to give Director Gift permission to work with staff on labor negotiations. Director Graham inquired as to the process and if this was new. Director Gift explained to the board that this request was made in order to do fact finding to help provide perspective for negotiations and long-range planning. Director Graham expressed a desire for outside consulting. Director Reeves motioned to authorize director Gift to work with Chief Pricher to gather information for labor negotiations on behalf of the board. Director KriECK seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously**
- Purchase Request for radio upgrades – Chief Pricher explained the new radios and upgrades request. He explained this is a sole source process. Director KriECK moved to approve purchasing radios not to exceed 190k. Director Reeves seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously**
- Authorization to retain the services of an architect – Chief Pricher asked the board for authority to spend up to 25k on the architectural services. Chief Pricher updated the board on his request to the city for urban renewal funds to help upgrade the station. The board had a discussion on desired goals of station upgrades. Director Graham moved to approve Chief Pricher to spend up to \$25,000 for architectural designs for station. Director Gift seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Communications: Oregonian Article about Ambulance service and lift assists - Discussion on out of district patients and new legislation that prohibits billing.

Good of the Order:

Director Reeves brought forward board commitments. She expressed a desire to implement them, or something like them.

Director Reeves inquired about the November 1st joint work session between the City of Scappoose and The District. Chief Pricher informed the board that the district had been invited to participate in a joint planning session with the city, and that information would be forthcoming.

Executive Session: Director Sorenson called the board into Executive Session under ORS 192.660 (2)(l) personnel at 9:35pm. The board came out of Executive Session at 10:02pm with no action taken.

Adjourn – Director Gift moved, and Director Reeves seconded to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 10:03pm