



# SCAPPOOSE FIRE DISTRICT

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## Scappoose Rural Fire District Board of Directors Regular Meeting Thursday, November 9, 2023

### Microsoft Teams Meeting

- I. Call to Order & Flag Salute – President Reeves called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the flag salute.
- II. Roll Call – President Reeves, Vice President Graham, Director Gift, Director Kriek, Director Sorenson, Chief Pricher, Asst. Chief Marks, Lt. Heuer, FF Chaffeur, FF Zimbrick, FF Dietz, ERT Curio, Henry Oberbarnscheidt, FA Heath
- III. Public Comment - None
- IV. Consent Agenda
  - A. Approve Minutes from 10-17-2023 regular meeting – There were no comments.
  - B. Approve Oct. 2023 Profit & Loss Detail – Director Gift inquired about lagging FireMed & GEMT revenues. The District received approximately \$72,000 in GEMT revenue in the first week of November. This will appear on next month's Profit & Loss report. FireMed generally renews in late October, so a large renewal check is expected in November to make up for some of the delay in revenue. Director Kriek acknowledged the conflagration revenue that was deposited in October. Director Graham asked about the purchase of two batteries. Chief Pricher said they were for a medic and that these batteries last approximately 8 years.
  - C. Approve Oct. 2023 Budget vs. Actual – No comments.

**Director Kriek moved to accept the consent agenda. Director Sorenson seconded.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

V. Statistical Data

- A. Ambulance Activity Report – Director Graham noticed that transport numbers had returned to a more “normal” number from the highs in the 100s during recent months. Director Sorenson noted that revenue from 2023 had consistently outpaced revenue from the previous year month after month. He predicts we will have more EMS Revenue than we budgeted. Chief Pricher reiterated the need to budget revenue conservatively, as EMS revenue can take wide swings, and we want to build our budget with that reality in mind.
- Director Graham asked about the Annual Collections report, which was added to the packet for the first time. Chief Pricher noted that 50% of our costs are written off by contracts with Medicare and Medicaid, which is why we are involved in the GADCS survey. SFRD may need to look at what is charged for ambulance transports to be sure all transporting agencies in the county are charging similar rates.
- B. Response Activity Report – Chief Pricher highlighted the overlapping calls. When we first started tracking the overlapping calls, we were near 30%. Now those calls are consistently at or above 40%.
- C. UAS Flight Summary – There was no summary in the packet. Chief Pricher shared a video taken recently of an exercise at the Robertson Tunnel.

VI. Staff Reports

- A. Chief’s Report – Director Sorenson asked if the tender and engine are still on target for delivery in early 2024. Chief Pricher spoke to this and said the signoffs on the final drawings should be soon and things are on target for early 2024 delivery.
- Director Gift and others congratulated Henry Oberbarnscheidt on his new position as Member Outreach.
- B. Operations Report – Director Gift asked about options for replacing the rescue. Chief Pricher said the old ambulance is currently the rescue. Discussion followed on the benefits and drawbacks of using the brush rig or rescue. This leads to the need for a new response apparatus which consumes most of the supplemental budget. Using the old ambulance buys some time to thoroughly vet the options, find an apparatus, and purchase exactly what the District needs.
- Director Sorenson asked what the plans were for the rescue. Chief Marks said it would be brought before the board to surplus in the future.
- C. EMS Operations Report – Director Graham asked if the crews were happy with the new ambulance. Chief Marks has heard no complaints.

- D. Fire Marshal & Training Report – Director Gift would like more information on the nature of a complaint listed in Chief Bautista’s report dated 10/9/23. This request will be relayed to Chief Bautista.

President Reeves thanked staff for the fire extinguisher training for City of Scappoose employees.

Director Sorenson asked about volunteer training noted in the Training report. Specifically, he was curious if any volunteers were in the Chapman/Holbrook areas.

- E. Finance Report – Director Gift asked when the reimbursement to OSFM will need to be sent. Chief Pricher said we may be able to hold on to the excess until next year.

## VII. Old Business

- A. Lexipol Policy Updates (None at this meeting)

## VIII. Committee Reports

- A. Management Team – SDAO no longer holds classes on budgeting. The best bet is to go through the Oregon Department of Revenue. FA Heath will let the board members know when the schedules for new budgeting classes are scheduled.

Director Gift updated the board on the meeting held to discuss URD and enterprise zones. The deadline for the short session was last week, so any new legislation will wait until the next session of the legislature.

Director Kriek asked for a summary of the meeting with representatives from CRFR.

Director Sorenson summarized the meeting and how SRFD representatives stressed the need for financial reporting.

The Civil Service Committee has met and there are two lists, one for Lt. and one for FF/Para. Clatskanie has first choice on the FF/Para. list. Movement into these positions will likely happen between mid-November and January 1<sup>st</sup>. Chief Pricher talked about the need to help the training department and get probationary employees successfully through the first year.

- B. Long Range Planning Committee – (Graham & Sorenson) Chief Pricher suggested this committee meet. The date of November 30 at 2:00 PM was scheduled.

- C. Awards & Incentives – Director Kriek is on this committee. Now that Member Outreach has been hired, Henry Oberbarnscheidt can work with Director Kriek to plan the annual awards banquet.

## IX. Miscellaneous - None

X. New Business

- A. Supplemental Budget Resolution 2023-02 – Director Sorenson stated that this supplemental budget resolution essentially moves funds from one place to another. This appropriates the funds so they can legally be spent. Chief Pricher reviewed the options for adding a response apparatus.

**Director Graham moved to approve the supplemental budget. Director Gift seconded.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

- XI. Communications – A thank you card was received from Scappoose Public Library thanking the crew for the tour of the station for the home school families.
- XII. Good of the Order – See UAS Flight Summary page 2.
- XIII. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.



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Mark A Gift – Board Secretary-Treasurer

12-27-23

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Submitted by Maria Heath