



SCAPPOOSE FIRE DISTRICT

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Scappoose Rural Fire District Board of Directors Regular Meeting Thursday, September 14, 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, Division Chief Marks, Lt. Anderson, Lt. DuBois, FF Ahlers, FF Mathews, ERT Curio, FA Heath.

Lt. Heuer attended electronically.

- III. **Public Comment** – None

- IV. **Consent Agenda** –

- A. Approve Minutes from 8-10-2023 regular meeting. No discussion. Director Kriek moved to approve the minutes. Director Gift seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Approve August 2023 Profit & Loss Detail – Director Sorenson asked for clarification on the \$59K check to Clackamas Fire for personnel salaries & apparatus charges incurred during the REMS deployment. We expect reimbursement from the US Forest Service within approximately 60 days.

Director Gift asked about charges for background checks for new volunteers.

Director Sorenson commented on the fuel charges incurred during the REMS deployment.

Director Kriek asked about charges for 2006 Jeep transmission and if these charges will be reimbursed. Chief Pricher said we would not be reimbursed, and explained why the charges are well worth the cost as a used vehicle would have cost more than the approximately \$5000 charges.

Director Gift commented that he was glad to see the purchase of a cyanokit in the expenses.

Director Sorenson asked for clarification on charges of 2015 GMC. It was explained that the charges for parts and labor are separated on the P & L.

- C. Approve August 2023 Budget vs. Actual – Director Sorenson commented on the increased EMS revenue to date this fiscal year.

Director Gift moved to approve both B & C of the consent agenda. Director Kriek seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

V. **Statistical Data**

- A. **Ambulance Activity Report** – Director Gift noted there were no COVID transports during August.
- B. **Response Activity Report** – No comment.
- C. **UAS Flight Summary** – There were 5 flights, 57 minutes of flying time, and 523 videos during the month. Director Graham asked if these flights were from one pilot or various pilots within the organization.

VI. **Staff Reports**

- A. **Chief's Report** – Chief Pricher mentioned two additional meetings not on his report. Both were related to UAS training requested by Portland Fire and NASA.

Director Gift asked if there was follow-up on a request by SDAO to participate in a study on ballistic protection equipment mentioned at the August meeting. Staff was to be directed to participate. Chief Pricher will follow-up.

- B. **Operations Report** – Chief Pricher mentioned interest in getting an estimate for solar panels to offset the costs of electricity at Holbrook and Chapman stations.
- C. **EMS Operations Report** – Chief Marks updated the board on the status of the physician advisor contract and GADCS data collection survey.
- D. **Fire Marshal & Training Report** – Director Sorenson asked what Chief Bautista's priorities are, since his report mentions a number of tabled projects. Chief Pricher said his priorities are training and Fire Marshal duties. Board members asked that the list be cut back to reflect the monthly priorities.

President Reeves noted there is an Open House planned Oct. 11. Chief Pricher said this is still in discussion.

- E. **Member Outreach/Battalion Aide Report** – Director Gift asked how the fire extinguisher training class went. Chief Pricher said it was a success. Chief Pricher notified the board of Mr. Green's resignation and his plans to refill the position.
- F. **Finance Report** – Directors asked about Oregon Paid Family Medical Leave and how this new state law works in conjunction with other employee benefits.

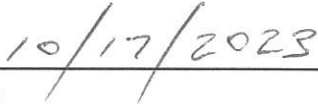
- VII. **Old Business**
- A. **Lexipol Policy Updates** -No updates.
- VIII. **Committee Reports**
- A. **Management Team** – (Directors Gift & Reeves.) The management team met prior to the board meeting. President Reeves mentioned that the Management Team discussed having Chief Pricher look into training from SDAO on budget law & requirements for board members, budget committee members, staff members, and the surrounding community. Chief Pricher agreed to contact Jeff Griffin regarding training.
- Board members were asked to begin considering goals for discussion at the January 2024 meeting. These budget goals and goals for strategic planning can then be incorporated into the FY24-25 budget prior to its development.
- The Management Team also discussed issues surrounding the enterprise zone, urban renewal district, and Cascade Tissue’s announcement of leaving the area.
- B. **Long Range Planning Committee** – (Directors Graham & Sorenson.) This committee has not met.
- C. **Awards & Incentives Committee** – (Directors Sorenson & Krieck.) This committee has not met.
- Directors discussed the need to revisit the purposes and responsibilities of each committee.
- IX. **Miscellaneous** – Chief Pricher shared a presentation on the intern program developed by SRFD employees. He mentioned the goal will be getting the intern program up and running, in addition to the challenge of finding a good funding source for the program. Some ideas have been presented and will be shared with the board when ideas have been vetted.
- X. **New Business** – Director Graham moved to approve the contract list. President Reeves seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.
- XI. **Communications**
- A. Kudos from Portland Fire
- B. REMS Crew Performance Rating
- C. Robert Hales letter/photo
- D. Thank you from Rocky Pt. cyclist – Chief Marks shared. Discussion on the use of CalTopo software to locate the patient in a remote location.
- XII. **Good of the Order** - Director Sorenson asked if a Battalion Chief had been hired. Chief Pricher shared the hiring of Tim Hennigan as a part-time Battalion Chief.

Board members discussed the possibility of moving the October 2023 regular board meeting as both President Reeves and Director Sorenson have conflicts. Chief Pricher will coordinate the next board meeting date.

XIII. **Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.



Mark A Gift – Board Secretary-Treasurer



Date



Submitted by Maria Heath