



SCAPPOOSE FIRE DISTRICT

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCAPPOOSE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2019, SCAPPOOSE FIRE STATION, SCAPPOOSE, OREGON.

ATTENDANCE: Board members present: R. Cairns, A. Krieck, D. Sorenson and D. Grant. D. Graham had an excused absence

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Chief Greisen, D/C Pricher, D/C Marks and J. Salisbury.

CALL TO ORDER: President Cairns called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the flag salute.

AUDIENCE: Lt R. Anderson, FF L. Gandara, FF J. Krieck, and FF B. Booth.

CONSENT AGENDA: President Cairns opened discussion on the consent agenda items. Mr. Sorenson moved approval of the consent agenda and Mr. Grant seconded. Chief Greisen said that the annual fee for ImageTrend would be about \$9,000.

The motion to approve the consent agenda carried unanimously.

CHIEFS' REPORTS:

Feb 2019 Safety Minutes - Mr. Krieck asked about the OSHA visit. Chief Greisen said they will return next Wednesday to interview several staff and they are reviewing the documentation they requested from us. We have been inspected by OSHA in 2008, 2009, 2014, 2017 and 2019. 2008 was when Robert Hales died, so we were investigated for that. 2009 was the seismic upgrade. OSHA issued a stop work order on the contractor and their investigation of the seismic work included us. So far, they have not indicated that they will fine us for anything on this visit. Chief Marks said OSHA was very impressed at the initial meeting, with only a few suggestions. During this visit, OSHA implemented their first new, non-punitive testing for fire-generated carcinogens in the station by wiping surfaces and analyzing the results. There should be fewer carcinogens the further the samples are from the bays.

2018-19 Fire Med Report – Signups were similar to last year. LifeFlight had more members. 121 patients had bills waived in a total amount of \$34,284.

2018 Conflagration Reimbursements – The total on this report does not match the amount on the YTD Budget Report because we received \$125,000 from a 2017

conflagration in September 2018. That 2017 fire is not reflected in the 2018 report. We do not expect to receive the \$60,000 for the Camp Fire until early in the 2019-20 fiscal year.

Fire Chief Report – The new Legacy building in St. Helens is 22,000 square feet and will eventually accommodate all their activities.

Cornelius Pass will be closed for 13 weeks starting July 8. Logie Trail, Rocky Point and Newberry will be available for everything except truck traffic. A temporary signal will be installed at Newberry and Highway 30. Hazardous materials will have to go by way of Hwy 217; all other trucks can take Hwy 26. Chief will suggest that they put signs up forbidding truck traffic on the small local roads to counteract the universal directions given by online map applications.

EMS Chief Report – The ASA Plan will be reviewed in 2020. The fire districts legally have first right of refusal on providing ambulance service in the community.

Fire Marshal Report – Mr. Grant asked about compliance on marinas. Chief Pricher said some marinas have poor signage and are difficult to find. Others have fire safety issues, including moving units without approvals and putting them too close together. In 2019, Chief Pricher plans to focus on the marinas and make sure that they all construct stand pipes for fire protection. There are 16 marinas; 2 are not used very much. Chief Greisen said some Multnomah County marinas had to redo their occupancy permits because their original ones were over 50 years old and some were built without permits. The stand pipe at the Multnomah Yacht Club was used during that fire, but it took time to get it water to the system. The first water on the fire came from portable pumps brought down by firefighters from the engines. Mr. Grant said the marina where he lives tests and maintains its stand pipe system regularly, but that is not common with other marinas. His marina also has 4 alarms located along the walkways.

Chief Pricher said Compliance Engine for alarm, suppression and hood system is doing an excellent job of tracking commercial entities in our District to make sure that required inspections and needed repairs happen on a timely basis. At the next ISO rating, we will be able to include all of this as fire inspections. This service is free to the District.

Operations Chief Report – Mr. Sorenson asked about the District's old ambulance. Chief Greisen said we plan to remove the box and put a flat-bed on it since the chassis has less than 80,000 miles on it and it is a diesel. We can put a slip-on tank in the summer or use it to haul hose and equipment from the fires. The 1986 box is aluminum and can only be sold for scrap.

Training Chief Report – no discussion.

Safety & Resource Chief Report – Chief Greisen said the security system is not finished yet because a few items are on order. Mr. Cairns asked when the construction part of the new security would happen. Chief O'Connor will be working on that.

EMS Goals – The first is to stabilize funding for the community paramedic position. Currently it only has 2-year funding. Chief Greisen said it is a great program. ImageTrend has a sidebar for the community paramedic position, and it will accumulate data which will be useful in a year or so.

Training Goals – Chief Marks said we will not get the most expensive, space age model burn prop. The goal is to purchase a more challenging burn prop which can be altered to create different scenarios. The cost will be shared 50/50 with CRFR. SRFD budgeted \$25,000 for it but CRFR did not, so SRFD will carryover its amount to 2019-20 and CRFR will also budget for that fiscal year. We will have to get a new bid, and Chief Marks estimated it will be about \$65,000. The districts must assure that they burn non-carcinogenic fuel in the burn prop, like food quality wooden pallets and hay.

Miscellaneous – The District experienced some localized flooding, but it was not as bad as the two floods in 1996.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Awards & Incentives Committee – Postponed due to busy month.
- B. Management Team Committee – Discussed upcoming union negotiations. President Cairns asked if Mr. Sorenson and Mr. Grant could attend the negotiation meetings since he cannot get away from work. They both agreed.
- C. Planning Committee – No meeting.
- D. Oversight Committee – The IGA is at the attorney's office being reviewed. It will be sent out to both Boards when it returns.

The Joint Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 28, at 7 pm at the Columbia 911 building. It is adjacent to the LBTC building.

A list of consultants who could perform the analysis of our IGA is included in the Board packet. All of them have experience with similar projects and entities. Steve Abel & Associates did the Lane County review. Emergency Service Consulting did the Forest Grove-Cornelius-Gaston-Banks. Matrix is working on a study on the fire and ambulance services for Jefferson County. CityGate has done studies with police, fire and cities in Oregon and Washington. Chief sent an email to McGrath Consulting to see what they've done in Oregon and Washington over the last five years. Also included is a list of possible questions for the consultants to consider.

NEW BUSINESS: Major Budget Items Discussion

- 10 or 12 durable laptops for engines and ambulances (Windows-based). The iPads are not working as promised by TriTech. Other departments are having the same problem. There may be a fix which includes an iPad, computer, and iPhone in each engine. TVF&R now uses Intterra, a cloud-based system which costs \$90,000 per year. They have used it for a couple years. TVF&R will pay \$60,000 and the other districts will pay the rest. This will put the internet in the engine instead of the portable radio. We will budget for this starting July 1st of the new fiscal year. Scappoose's cost will be about \$3,600 for 1.5 years. This system stays frozen

during reception gaps so there is no lost information. Intterra shows all the events that are happening; it has hydrant maps and can include building plans.

- Employer PERS rates are increasing July 1 by 21% to 35%. Since we have hired more people, our cost will increase by over \$120,000. This may mean we will not be able to set aside funds in the PERS Employer Incentive Fund program, and/or that we will not be able to save funds for equipment.
- Claims in our area currently exceed the premiums Moda is receiving. The Oregon Fire Chiefs' Association health insurance group to which we belong is voting on several options. Staying with Moda would mean an increase of over 11%; going with Regence with the same plan features would have a 5% cost increase.

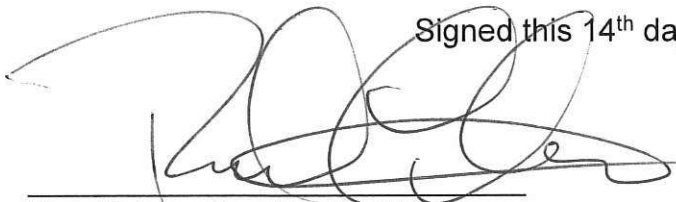
AUDIENCE: No comment.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: The board expressed appreciation for the thank you notes. Chief Pricher said that the local business owner who sold us the chain saws appreciated the immediate payment. This was made possible by the two board members who made a special trip to the station to sign a single check.

The Awards Banquet is on Saturday, February 23rd at 6 p.m. at Ixtapa.

ADJOURNMENT: President Cairns adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Signed this 14th day of March, 2019.



Ron Cairns, President



David Grant, Secretary