



# SCAPPOOSE FIRE DISTRICT

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## Scappoose Rural Fire District Board of Directors Regular Meeting Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Microsoft Teams Meeting

- I. **Call to Order & Flag Salute** – President Reeves called the meeting to order at 7:02 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. DuBois, Lt. Anderson, FF Dietz, FF Bernier, ERT Curio, FA Heath

Tim Hennigan attended electronically.

- III. **Public Comment** – None
- IV. **Consent Agenda** –

- A. Approve Minutes from September 14, 2023, regular meeting.  
Director Gift requested two corrections to the minutes: change “work” to “worth” pg. 1 and “This” to “The” page 3.
  
- B. Approve Sept. 2023 Profit & Loss Detail – No Discussion.
  
- C. Approve Sept. 2023 Budget vs. Actual – Directors asked about payments to staff for the paint overspray. These payments were explained. Directors commented on the price of new turnouts and gloves. (See Memorandum in New Business.)

Director Kriek moved to approve the consent agenda. Director Gift seconded.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

- V. **Statistical Data**
  - A. **Ambulance Activity Report** –

Directors commented on the high number of transports. Chief Pricher confirmed September was one of the busiest months for the agency.

**B. Response Activity Report –**

Discussion regarding the workload and activities of the Community Paramedic and how best to capture data related to the Community Paramedic program followed. Data from the program will no longer be included in the NFIRS system. Rather, a new data collection program specific to the Community Paramedic will be developed and used in the future.

**VI. UAS Flight Summary –**

Director Graham asked about differences in report style and specific flights in the report. Chief Pricher explained the differences in reports and testing of aircraft rarely used.

**VII. Staff Reports**

**A. Chief's Report –**

Director Krieck asked about a meeting with NASA listed in the Chief's report. Chief Pricher explained upcoming work that helps to report the way mishaps and near misses are reported nationally. NASA's reporting program will be used in this work.

Director Sorenson asked if solar panels would be installed on the main station to reduce utility costs.

Director Graham asked if the Civil Service Commission is now operating. Chief Pricher explained that the next meeting will be November 6 when they hope to have lists for the lieutenant and firefighter/paramedic positions.

Chief Pricher explained recent discussions he has had with the county tax assessor, developments with the urban renewal district, and the effect compression will have on our property tax collections in FY23-24 to the Board. Director Gift sought permission from the rest of the Board to meet with President Reeves, Chief Pricher, and personal contacts (former city council member from PDX, lobbyist, and an aide to Senator Merkley), to engage in discussions about options aimed at alleviating some of the negative property tax effects urban renewal districts have on special districts through proposed legislation. No decisions will be made during these discussions. These discussions will be informational in nature.

Director Krieck moved to direct Director Gift to consult with third parties to investigate options involving urban renewal districts and enterprise zones. Director Sorenson seconded the motion.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**B. Operations Report –**

Movement to the .GOV email is still in the works. Moving to .GOV will provide increased security.

**C. EMS Operations Report –**

Chief Marks spoke about the metrics that will be used to collect information on the Community Paramedic program.

Director Sorenson asked about the ASA project. OHA gave the ASA committee a list of required and recommended changes. They have worked through these changes. The input will be presented before the county commission on Wednesday, October 18, 2023.

**D. Fire Marshal & Training Report –**

Director Gift asked if the high school program was underway. Chief Pricher said the second class will be held the week of Oct. 16-19.

President Reeves asked how the Open House went and if there are plans to make it an annual event. Chief Pricher said if the Board would like it to be an annual event it can be scheduled annually.

**E. Finance Report –**

Director Sorenson asked if the iPad purchases were from a grant. No, these purchases were from the General Fund and necessary replacement iPads.

**VIII. Old Business**

**A. Lexipol Policy Updates –**

No updates.

**IX. Committee Reports**

**A. Management Team –**

Topics discussed in the Management Team meeting have been discussed in earlier portions of this meeting and appear in these meeting minutes.

**B. Long Range Planning Committee –**

No meeting.

**C. Awards & Incentives Committee –**

No meeting. Chief Pricher mentioned the need to schedule a meeting soon so the annual Awards Banquet can be held in February.

**X. Miscellaneous –**

Chief Pricher shared a request from CRFR Board President Kelly Niles. Mr. Niles asked Chief Pricher to ask our Board if there was interest in having two of our board members and Chief meet with two of their board members and Acting in Capacity to discuss possible ways SRFD may be able to assist CRFR in their time of need. This was one option presented by SDAO to CRFR. At this time, it is unknown what CRFR may need or request. No decisions will be made; this is conversational only. Directors Graham and Kriek expressed skepticism but agreed that gathering more information from CRFR is necessary. Director Gift volunteered to attend this discussion. Director Sorenson agreed to attend. Director Sorenson moved to have two board members from each agency, along with chief officers meet to discuss CRFR's plans. Director Graham seconded.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**XI.**

**New Business –**

**Bunker Gear Purchase Request** – Director Gift asked if this one-time purchase will be for 7 sets of bunker gear. Thereafter the purchase will be for 6 sets.

Director Kriek moved to authorize staff to purchase 7 new sets of bunker gear. Director Gift seconded.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**Supplemental Budget Considerations** – Chief Pricher explained to the Board that the Memorandum on presenting a Supplemental Budget at the November meeting was meant to provide the Board with ample opportunity to consider the two appropriations suggested in the memo. If the Board agrees, the supplemental budget resolution will be presented at the November regular meeting. Discussion surrounding the appropriation of \$130,000 for apparatus replacement and possible difficulties finding a viable replacement followed. No motion necessary.

**Chapman Roof Replacement Bids** – Chief Pricher and Chief Marks spoke about the need to replace the roof at Chapman station and how bids for the job were sought. Three companies came to prepare estimates but only two presented bids by the board meeting date. Chief Marks explained the details of the bids and answered questions from the Board. The Board chose to go with Mark's Custom Exteriors, the lower of the two bids.

Director Graham moved to accept the bid from Mark's Custom Exteriors for \$20,836. Director Kriek seconded.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**XII. Communications –**

Chief Pricher shared the letter from IAFC President Donna M. Black to Justin Jager with the National Wildfire Coordinating Group, officially notifying him of Chief Pricher’s appointment as a voting member of the National Wildfire Coordination Group Committee.

**XIII. Good of the Order –**

Chief Pricher shared the newest addition to the District’s UAS aircraft fleet.


Chief Marks shared that this year’s Fill the Boot campaign brought in over \$10,000 for Muscular Dystrophy.

Chief Pricher reached out to Jeff Griffin regarding SDAO training for board members, with no response. A follow-up attempt will be made again this week.

Crew members shared concerns about the upcoming meeting with CRFR representatives.

**XIV. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.**

  
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Mark A Gift – Board Secretary-Treasurer

  
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Submitted by Maria Heath