



SCAPPOOSE FIRE DISTRICT

P.O. BOX 625 SCAPPOOSE, OREGON 97056

Scappoose Rural Fire District Board of Directors Regular Meeting Thursday, September 12, 2024

Call to Order & Flag Salute – President Reeves called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and led the flag salute.

Roll Call – President Reeves, VP Graham, Director Sorenson, Director Kriek, Director Gift, Chief Pricher, FF Kriek, FF Wenner, FF Hughes, Kc Cates, FA Heath

Public Comment – Kc Cates told board members that he made an offer on the surplussed water tender.

Consent Agenda

Minutes from the August 8, 2024 board meeting - There were no board comments.
Profit & Loss Detail - Asked about the expenses on one medic. Chief Pricher said that recalls on each of our ambulances required maintenance expenses to the back-up ambulance so others could be placed out-of-service. This allowed us to address the recalls in the other ambulances. There were expenses to other apparatus also.

Director Sorenson asked about the overtime expenses. Chief Pricher said we incurred a number of OT expenses during the REMS and conflagration deployments.

Director Gift asked about two main station electric bill expenses. FA Heath said the July bill wasn't received before the board meeting check run, so two months of bills were paid in August. Director Gift also asked about fraudulent charges. FA Heath explained.

Director Sorenson asked about expenses incurred in Property Fund, wondering if the expenses were for upfitting the new apparatus.

Budget vs. Actual - Director Gift asked about the charges to Volunteer Services. FA Heath said \$12,000 was budgeted for volunteer operations and volunteer chiefs were paid for phone use on an annual basis. Director Gift asked about \$39,000 in Grant Fund

Personnel Services. This is the amount budgeted for Recruitment & Retention salaries & benefits.

Director Graham moved to approve the consent agenda. Director Gift seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.

Statistical Data – Director Graham noted the slightly higher transport number in August.

Director Krieck asked about the ‘disallowed’ amounts noted in the Annual Collection Statistics report.

Response Activity Report – Chief Pricher noted that 55% of our call volume is overlapping calls. This has gone up from 34% in recent years. President Reeves asked about the number of active volunteers. Chief Pricher said ‘active’ volunteer numbers are approximately 16. Director Krieck asked if there is a way to capture whether the overlapping calls are causing our response times to go up. Chief Pricher said there is a way to gather this data, but we haven’t pulled those metrics yet.

UAS Flight Summary - Chief Pricher said SRFD staff were sent to map the Lee Falls Fire. We have a call-when-needed agreement with ODF. Under this agreement, we are paid a daily rate for the aircraft, response vehicles, equipment, and the cost of the employees. We also helped ODF locate a lightning strike fire. All UAS flights are captured in total call volume.

Staff Reports –

Chief’s report – Director Sorenson asked about the My Sidewalk meeting on the chief’s report. My Sidewalk provides insights into our response area. This platform provides very specific information for our specific response area. This allows us to be more competitive for grants because it is specific to our district.

Operations & EMS report – Director Gift asked how long the ASA project would continue. Chief Pricher showed the Board the document that was presented to the county in late August.

Fire Marshal & Training – Director Sorenson asked how the training was going for the new apparatus. Tender training is complete. Engine training is mostly complete, not response ready.

Member Outreach – Chief Pricher said the member outreach employee has been working hard and going a great job recruiting new members. Director Sorenson mentioned seeing several signs and contacts made around the community.

Finance – No questions.

Old Business – Two letters of interest in the water tender that was declared surplus were discussed. Director Krieck asked if a sealed bid is necessary. Chief Pricher said no sealed bid is necessary. Director Sorenson asked Kc Cates what he intended to do with the water tender, should he earn the bid. Director Krieck said he is concerned that the proper channels are

followed. Chief Pricher said we will investigate whether we are required to have sealed bids, and if not we can sell to Kc Cates. If that falls through, we can put in on GovDeals and give anyone who wants the opportunity to bid on it.

Director Gift moved to research whether the District is obligated to sell the tender in either public or at auction for recouping funds to the District. Director Graham seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Chief's Review – This has been rescheduled for the November 14, 2024 board meeting.

Scheduled Policy Work Session – This will be scheduled for October 15th or 16th in a 2 hour block.

Board Review Committees – Director Sorenson suggested a committee that focuses on the new building remodel. Director Gift said this is the purpose of the Long Range Planning committee. Director Graham suggested revamping board committees & the policies surrounding those committees. These will be discussed at the policy workshop in October.

Committee Reports – Management Team - (Reeves & Graham) This committee met prior to this board meeting discussing volunteer interviews, REMS deployments, and fire deployments. Long Range Planning – Didn't meet. Upcoming activities include planning for the levy renewal in May 2025. Open House is already scheduled in October. Awards & Incentives – This committee didn't meet this month.

New Business – The Community Paramedic job description was presented to the Board. This is necessary prior to posting a job opening. Director Sorenson noted that an applicant must be 18 years of age, yet they also must have 10 years of experience as a paramedic. Director Kriek moved to approve the Community Paramedic job description as written. Director Sorenson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous – No miscellaneous

Communications – Email communication from Julie Nelson thanking the District for displaying the big flag on 9/11 each year. Chief Pricher also shared that he had received a phone call of thanks from Betsy Johnson for the same reason.

Good of the Order – Chief Pricher thanked the Board for the opportunity to deploy to fires. What he learns there is used in his position, and it provides a benefit to the District.

Adjourn – 8:29 pm.



Dave Sorenson, Secretary-Treasurer



Date

Submitted by Maria Heath