

Scappoose Rural Fire District

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Board Members and Required Staff met in-person at
Scappoose Fire District Main Station

Also held electronically via GoToMeeting and telephone call-in number
Thursday, October 8, 2020

After due and legal notice, President Sorenson called to order the Regular Board meeting of the Scappoose Rural Fire District at 7:03 p.m. and led the flag salute.

The following members were in attendance: D. Sorenson, A. Kriek, M. Gift, and D. Graham. R. Cairns had an excused absence.

Others in attendance: DC Marks, DC Greenup, S. Booth, M. Heath, FF Booth

Attending electronically: Chief Pricher

Public Comment: None

SRFD Consent Agenda: Mr. Graham moved to accept the consent agenda. Mr. Kriek seconded. Mr. Sorenson asked for clarification on a check written to Daston Corp. Chief Pricher explained that is the Google provider. Mr. Graham asked why there were two payments to Graybar. DC Marks explained one was for our VOIP phone monthly charges and one was for a backup router.

Motion to approve the consent agenda carried unanimously.

Staff Reports:

- Fire Chief's Report- Chief Pricher spoke to the work load of the past month.
- Fire Marshal's Report- Chief Pricher spoke about the number of inspections and expectations for future inspections.
- Operations Report- Mr. Sorenson asked for clarification on the use of a tent, generator, and light tower. Chief Pricher explained that Columbia County Emergency Management requested the use of these at the fairgrounds during the evacuation of families from Clackamas County.
Mr. Sorenson reminded the board that for future budget planning they need to keep in mind replacement of equipment. He asked if all equipment was back in service. DC Marks said the tower came back under budget and is in service, but during training for FF Dietz, the priming pump valve on E3105 needed to be fixed a bit sooner than usual, so it is in for repair.
- Training Report- DC Marks spoke about the Lionshead Fire Conflagration and experience as a task force leader. DC Marks also spoke of volunteer C. Alexander and commendable action she took while on conflagration.

- Finance Report-Mr. Sorenson inquired about possible credit card changes. Chief Pricher, DC Marks, and S Booth all spoke to the challenges of not having the use of our credit cards in necessary circumstances , such as conflagrations.

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

- **Management Team** met prior to the Board Meeting. Chief Pricher is expected back from conflagration Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020. Chief Pricher explained the REMS Team that is currently out on conflagration from SRFD.
- **Long Range Planning** did not meet. Mr. Kriek is open to setting a meeting date.
- **Awards/Incentives** did not meet.

Lexipol – Adoption of Sections 1-4: DC Greenup provided a status on Lexipol. He is working to split the structural organization and he wants Chief Pricher to review changes prior to presenting the document to the Board.

Miscellaneous: Nothing

The Board discussed the Fire Chief’s Plan: Chief Pricher suggested the Board Members discuss the document and meet with him when he is back from conflagration. The Board will revisit the plan at the next regular board meeting. Mr. Sorenson also suggested meeting to develop a contract for the new chief.

New Business:

New Visa Credit Card relationship: Chief Pricher explained that we are currently looking at moving our VISA to a larger business credit card model, like Chase or possibly one that provides airline miles such as Alaska Airline VISA . Mr. Gift and Mr. Kriek expressed their opinion that a card with airline mile benefits would be preferable. The board consensus is to move forward in looking for a different card company. Mr. Graham moved to begin the process of changing the credit card company if the answers to our current carrier are not acceptable. Mr. Kriek seconded.

Motioned to begin the process of changing the credit card provider carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous: Nothing to add.

Public Comment: None

Executive Session: Pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:44 p.m.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:49 p.m.

The Board resumed regular session at 7:50 p.m.

In response to the Fire Chief's Plan presented to the Board, Mr. Gift asked if Chief Pricher had assigned a grant writer. This will be discussed when the Board develops the Strategic Plan.

Mr. Sorenson asked about the CARES Act grant funds and what the plan will be for those plans. Chief Pricher said he will go into depth on this with the board when he is back. S. Booth has been meeting with contractors, so he'll have more information to share when bids have been received.

Mr. Sorenson expressed concern about the plan for May election. Chief Pricher said once he and the Board agree on a plan going forward, it will immediately be put into action.

Mr. Sorenson asked when the Finance Director and Operations Chief positions were expected to be filled. Chief Pricher said he hopes to fill the Finance Director position by mid-November and the Division Chief of Operations will be filled by mid-December.

Good of the Order: Nothing

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.