

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, May 13, 2021

Present: Director Mark Gift, Director Dave Graham, Director Andy Krieck, Director Susan Reeves, Director David Sorenson, Chief Jeff Pricher, Chief Josh Marks, Finance Director Alex Tardif, Executive Assistant Maria Heath, FF Gandara, FF Krieck, FF Quinn

Call to Order at 7:50 pm

Public Comment: Justin Krieck Local 1660 reported that Labor Management Meetings have been taking place. He also shared that the membership of 1660 thinks the timing of the proposed purchase of a UTV (see meeting agenda) at this time is not supported.

Consent Agenda: Director Graham moved to approve the consent agenda. Director Krieck seconded.

Motion to approve the consent agenda carried unanimously.

Statistical Data: President Sorenson asked if there were questions about ambulance transport revenue. Although we are doing better than 2020, it is hard to tell if revenues are on the rebound. The write-offs for Medicare and Medicaid have a dramatic effect on our revenues. Director Gift asked about the number of refusals. Chief Pricher explained that refusals are not the problem, it is the number of people on Medicare/Medicaid and the fact that we receive only 25% of the cost of doing business.

Response Activity Report: Director Krieck asked about the number of overlapping calls and mutual aid. Chief Pricher explained that we have changed our reporting of mutual aid calls in NFIRS, so this data is skewed. We currently go on approximately 5 mutual aid calls per month.

Staff Reports:

Chief's Report: Chief Pricher explained the regional response aircraft training portion of his report. \$86,000 fixed wing grant was submitted. This will dovetail with the UASI program we're currently involved in. This will be the only aircraft like this in the region, outside the military. Director Sorenson expressed concern about the on-going costs associated with the new aircraft.

Director Krieck asked for clarification on Tenzinga. Chief Pricher explained that it is the Performance Evaluation platform.

Sorenson asked about quotes on the HVAC replacement project. No assessments have been completed. We are having difficulty securing anyone to come and evaluate and bid on the project.

Roof on Holbrook: We are waiting on a 3rd bid. The two bids we've received are close in dollar amount. This is to be completed this fiscal year.

Director Graham asked if the vacancies for Fire Inspector and Division Chief have received any action. Chief Pricher gave an update.

Drone mapping was provided as an example to board members.

Operations Report: Lt. Anderson and Chief Pricher will pick up the engine Monday, May 17th, and will arrive at the station later that evening.

Fire Marshal Report: No questions.

Training Report: Director Gift asked about the increase in the budget line item for training. Technology for training is necessary. Approximately 30 members have some level of EMS licensure and Chief Marks is still receiving paperwork for renewal.

Financial Report: No audits to present.

Old Business:

Policy Manual Updates: This will be on the agenda for several months.

Approval of UAS Policy 550: Director Reeves moved to approve policy 550 and Director KriECK seconded.

The motion to approve Policy 550 carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Management Team: Director Sorenson and Director Gift will use Tenzinga to complete performance evaluation for Chief Pricher with input from a variety of district stakeholders.

Chief Pricher distributed and explained a chart developed to explain the timing of the hiring of three new positions with funds from passage of Measure 5-285. Discussion of adding additional living space, should the levy pass. The hiring timeline was also discussed.

Long Range Planning: No meeting

Awards & Incentives - Funding for SVFA LOSAP: No meeting. We've already funded LOSAP.

Miscellaneous: Letter to County Commissioners from the Board and one from Chiefs Marks and Pricher regarding \$10 million from the federal government and the need for special districts to receive a portion of the funds. Director KriECK motioned to approve the letter to the Board of Commissioners. Susan Reeves seconded.

The motion to approve the letter to the County Commission carried unanimously.

Chief Pricher explained the partnership with ODF and working with county and city to locate placement of the double-sided "peacock sign" next to the "Welcome to Scappoose" sign at Scappoose-Vernonia Hwy and Hwy 30 which indicates the IFPL levels and fire danger levels.

New Business:

Safe Harbor Document Review/Election Update - Chief Pricher notified the Board of the official Safe Harbor document approved by the Secretary of State.

Purchase Proposal for Side by Side (UTV) - Chief Pricher explained the reason for the purchase of the side-by-side, saying that although there isn't 100% support for the purchase at this time, but felt purchasing this item before the end of the fiscal year did have the support of the majority of staff. Scappoose Volunteer Association has pledged \$4,000 toward the purchase of a trailer to haul the side-by-side. Director Gift said he'd like to wait until after the outcome of the election. The Board asked if they could approve the purchase pending passage of Measure 5-285. If Measure 5-285 doesn't pass, the Board will reconvene to discuss options. Director Gift moved to purchase the UTV if the measure passes. Director Graham seconded.

The motion to purchase the UTV pending passage of Measure 5-285 carried unanimously.

Authorization to sign agreement with ODF: Director Graham moved to authorize and sign the agreement with ODF to contract resources and equipment for district use during wildfire incidents. Director Reeves seconded.

The motion to authorize and sign the agreement carried unanimously.

Good of the Order: Chief Pricher thanked A. Tardif for his work on the budget. He also acknowledged all SRFD staff for their patience with him in his role as the new chief.

Director Graham moved to adjourn the meeting. Director Reeves seconded.

Adjournment at 9:02