

Columbia River Fire & Rescue and Scappoose Rural Fire District
Regular Joint Meeting of the Boards of Directors
Held electronically via GoToMeeting and telephone using call-in number
April 9, 2020, scheduled for 7:00 pm

Regular Meeting: After due and legal notice the Regular Joint Board meeting of the Scappoose Rural Fire District and Columbia River Fire & Rescue Board of Directors was called to order at 7:19 pm and stopped shortly after to deal with technical difficulties. At 7:35 pm, the meeting was called to order by President Graham.

The following members responded to President Graham's roll call: David Sorenson, Andy Kriek, Ron Cairns, Hans Feige, Kelly Niles, Gary Hudson, Kim McLane and Mark Kreutzer.

Others: Chief Hoke, DC Smythe, DC Holsey, DC O'Connor, DC Marks, DC Pricher, FD Nelson, FD Salisbury and others. A total of 52 people were in attendance.

The flag salute was omitted.

Changes to the agenda: CRFR Board would like to go into Executive Session at the end of the meeting per ORS 192.660(2)(d) to discuss labor negotiations.

Public Comment: None

Local 3215: President Schrotzberger noted there were no confirmed exposures to Covid-19, crews are following the sanitation process well. There have been a few snags in negotiations, but he hopes the executive session will resolve those. Director Kreutzer mentioned that he hopes members' families are doing okay. President Schrotzberger stated that so far families are doing okay within their own group.

Local 1660 Comments: Secretary Scott Bethke stated that members are doing okay they are watching out for each other. They have informed members of many resources to cope with the difficult challenges and uncertainties presented by the pandemic.

CRFR Volunteers: No comment.

SRFD Volunteers: No comment.

Correspondence: Nothing

SRFD Consent Agenda: Included in the consent agenda are the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on March 12, 2020, checks #33877 through #33946 totaling \$449,670 and the financial statement as of March 31, 2020. Director Kriek moved to approve. Director Cairns 2nd the motion.

No further discussion. Unanimous vote, motion approved.

CRFR Consent Agenda: Included in the consent agenda are the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on March 12, 2020, checks #71137 through #71223 totaling \$215,837.93 and the financial statement as of February 29, 2020. Director Kreutzer moved to approve. Secretary Hudson 2nd the motion. President Feige questioned the check to Robben & Sons. FD Nelson said it was HVAC installation at St. Helens station.

No further discussion. Unanimous vote, motion approved.

Reports:

Chief Hoke: Protocols change by the day and hour for Covid-19. Both crews have done a fantastic job staying up with the changes.

DC Smythe's Operations report was included in the packet. He said he was available for questions.

DC Pricher: He had nothing to add to his board report, but was available for questions.

DC Marks: In response to Director Kreutzer's question, DC Marks said the recruit academy is under 11 candidates. They are ready and waiting for a new order to allow groups of larger than 10 in order to continue training.

DC Holsey: DC Holsey recognized FF Lockhart and FF K. Curio for keeping all the PPE in stock. Director Kreutzer expressed appreciation for all DC Holsey is doing to keep up. Director Sorenson asked how the burn rates are going with PPE. DC Holsey acknowledged DC Pricher and others in helping keep up with the current requirements and having PPE on hand.

DC O'Connor: No response

Motherway: Available for any questions regarding her report.

FD Nelson: Budget is up to 81 pages. It will be out next Friday. FD Nelson submitted candidates for budget committee via email. Director Niles asked via notes for Director McLane about tax revenue projections for the remainder of the fiscal year. FD Nelson is projecting 75% of last year's collections. Spending controls are in place. Only those necessary to provide service are being completed at this time.

FD Salisbury: Available for any questions regarding her report.

Safety Meeting minutes: None--meeting was cancelled.

Other meeting minutes: None

Miscellaneous: None

Joint Old Business: Planning Committee Update: Director Kriek talked about the committee wanting to set up a new IGA. Chief Hoke shared his synopsis of the meeting; saying that SRFD has significant budget issues to address. Again, he stressed the issues of independence for each organization. President Feige said that they are separating and moving forward as two separate entities. He questioned the accuracy of CRFR losing 100K. The end date is solidly June 30. Director Cairns moved to make this the last joint meeting. Director Kruetzer asked if this is only for SRFD or for both. Director Cairns said SRFD only. Director Cairns withdrew his motion and this matter will move to new business.

Director Hudson said they still need to address the duty officer issue. Fire Marshal issues, EMS, and compliance issues still need to be addressed. With so many activities entangled, he is not sure of the vision of the separation.

Director Niles: Cost to taxpayers is the path we are headed down. Wants to continue down the path of training in-house. Worried about financials, stands with President Feige to stay away from IGA in any form.

Miscellaneous: None

SRFD: Old Business: None

Joint New Business: None

SRFD New Business:

New board member. Mark Gift, Dennis Spitze, and Mark Reed submitted letters of interest. Director Sorenson moved to appoint Mark Gift. Director Kriek 2nd the motion. All four board members expressed the opinion that he was the right choice at this time.

No further discussion. Unanimous vote, motion approved.

President Graham administered the Oath of Office to Mark Gift.

End Joint Meetings Director Cairns moved to end the joint meetings. Director Kriek 2nd the motion. Director Sorenson wanted to know if the planning committee would continue to meet to work out details to separate fully. Chief Hoke, President Graham, and Director Kruetzer concurred.

No further discussion. Unanimous vote, motion approved.

CRFR New Business:

Volunteer 2019 LOSAP Contribution List: Eight members qualified. General Fund \$12,000 line item to approve and SAFER Grant contribution. Director Niles moved to approve. Director McLane 2nd the motion.

No further discussion. Unanimous vote, motion approved.

2018-19 Audit Review: Audit was emailed to the Board for review. Questions welcomed. The report has been filed with the Secretary of State and EMMA for LBTC reporting requirements.

Budget Committee Vacancy: FD Nelson emailed 3 letters of interest. Tonight is not the night to appoint. Interested parties could answer questions from Nelson with answers due by May 12. Board could then vote on which member to appoint.

Agenda Item: Video Laryngoscope: DC Holsey stated that with Covid19, it is time to move forward with the laryngoscope at \$17,318.40 as it provides the best protection to in-line staff. Vice President Niles moved to approve. Director McLane 2nd the motion.

No further discussion. Unanimous vote, motion approved.

Resolution 2019-20-006 RSVP Supplemental Budget: Permanent funding increase for RSVP program. 10 years ago it was funded at \$150,000-160,000/yr. CRFR appropriated for the next fiscal year. Vice President Niles moved to approve. Secretary Hudson 2nd the motion.

No further discussion. Unanimous vote, motion approved.

Director Niles asked FD Nelson to pass on thanks to Monica Cade for keeping this program going in light of Covid19.

Miscellaneous: None

Board Comments:

Director Hudson: Thanks line crew in light of all Covid19 developments.

Director Niles: Thanks front line

Director McLane: Through Niles: Thanks

President Feige: Echoed the thanks of other members

Director Sorenson: Thank you again to the crews.

Director Kriek: Be safe; wear PPE

Director Cairns: Echoes the above

President Graham: Be safe, thank you for all that has been done.

Good of the order: None

SRFD adjourned at 8:43 PM.

CRFR Board went into Executive Session per ORS 192.660(2)(d) to discuss labor negotiations at 8:43 pm.

CRFR Board came out of Executive Session and back into regular session at 9:23 pm.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 pm.