

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, September 16, 2021

September Regular Board Meeting
Thu, Sep 16, 2021 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM (PDT)

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In attendance – Director Sorenson, Director Graham, Director Reeves, Director Gift, Director Kriek, Fire Chief Pricher, DC Bautista, FD Tardif, LT Heuer, FF Gandara, Paramedic Curio, FF Dietz

Call to Order & Flag Salute – Meeting called to order at 19:06 by President Sorenson.

Public Comment: no public comment

“This is the time for public comment on agenda and non-agenda items. The Board will not take any immediate action but will document all comments and/or concerns. Any further action deemed appropriate will be taken promptly. We appreciate you keeping comments to 3 minutes per individual or 5 minutes if you are representing a group of patrons. Please note, personnel concerns will not be discussed in a public meeting. If you have any concerns with personnel, please schedule a meeting with the Fire Chief or Board President.”

Consent Agenda: Director Graham moved to approve the consent agenda. Director Reeves seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously.**

- Approve minutes from the August 12, 2021 Regular meeting
- Approve 8.31.21 Expense Account activity
- 8.31.21 Budget vs. Actual

Statistical Data:

- Ambulance Activity Report – Discussion on EMS billing. What is the time frame for collection of EMS billing.

- Response Activity Report - Discussion on increase in call volume. Director Gift inquired about the 28 good intent calls. Discussion was held on what the “Good intent” category is and whether or not there is a way to minimize these calls. The Board inquired about hospital diversions due to capacity and covid calls. The Board held discussion on peak times and overlapping calls and a desire to correctly identify the districts peak times to ensure proper staffing levels.

Staff Reports:

- Chief’s Report – Chief Pricher outlined the Districts participation on the 100-year celebration. The board inquired about the civil service commission. Chief Pricher informed the board civil service would meet the first week in October and would be developing a hiring list. Chief Pricher informed The Board the District was not successful in securing any of the previous grants. Chief Pricher led the board discussion on station renovations, including the HVAC system. Director Sorenson would like to see the boat house finished before starting any new projects at the main station. M. Gift would like to see multiple options before deciding. Chief Pricher explained that those concerns would be addressed as part of the planning committee process. The Board expressed excitement for the engine to be at the station and is eager to get it on the road. The Board held discussion on the CCOM 911 radio system, and the expense related to replacing the system. They expressed concern on certain components that are missing from the report and asked that the report be updated to reflect the missing data.
- Fire marshal report – Discussion on 2017 HB 2225 forest dwelling and the recent uptick in forest development. Discussion on recent unmanned aircraft missions to aid neighboring fire agencies.
- Operations Report – Chief Pricher informed the board that the tower engine is out of service and discussion was held on how to move forward with repairs. Director Kriek inquired about another truck from PDX that might be available. The Board asked for recommendations on the rescue. Chief Pricher informed the board about the water agreement with the Holbrook water system and the current maintenance that had been completed.
- Chief Bautista report – Discussion on training.
- Training Report – Chief Marks was at training and the board had no questions on his report
- Financial Report - Discussion on next year’s budget and how to empower the budget committee members to feel engaged.

Old Business:

1. Policy Manual Updates (*This will be ongoing over the next several months*)
2. Discussion on board policy 4.21 Residency Requirement – Director Sorenson stated that due to current housing prices, he cannot see how The District could expect individuals to move here. He inquired about the possibility of incentivizing individuals to encourage them to move to the district. He also noted

that Technology has changed how we communicate and questioned whether this policy is still necessary. Director Kriek noted that to be in command you must be on scene. Director Gift inquired about rotation. Chief Pricher, informed The Board that the district is looking at it. Director Gift stated the Chief officer needs to be in the county when on duty officer shifts. He believes there should be a shift rotation so that District staff can continue to learn from each other. Director Gift has no concerns about eliminating the residency requirement. Director Gift noted that SDAO says it's hard to enforce a residency requirement less than 30 minutes. Director Gift suggested the district consider a 2 deep model where 1 officer is on duty and the next up duty officer must be mentally and physically fit and ready to come on, especially during minimum staffing. Director Sorenson believes that the residency requirement can be replaced. He asked that staff bring back what the options will be for that policy. Director Reeves inquired about the chief duty officer vehicles and how they are shared if at all. Chief Pricher informed the board that each Duty officer has their own vehicle, and it could be shared if necessary.

3. Discussion on Board Goals -tabled to next month.

Committee Reports:

- Management Team - met nothing to discuss.
- Long Range Planning Committee – Director Kriek would like to set a date for long range planning. This date has not been set.
- Awards & Incentives - Discussion on how this should operate. Director Gift brought forward that the volunteers do not feel respected or appreciated by the organization.

Miscellaneous: nothing

New Business: nothing

Good of the Order – Is the board interested in pursuing an architect to look at how to redesign the building within Pricher's spending authority. Yes (this was an inquiry and does not require a motion to approve)

Adjourn Director Reeves moved to adjourn the meeting. Director kriek seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 21:28

Pursuant to ORS 192.640(1), the Board of Directors for the Scappoose Fire District reserves the right to consider and discuss, in either open session or Executive Session, additional subjects which may arise after the agenda is published.