

Scappoose Fire District Regular Board Meeting  
Held in person for Board Members, Chiefs, and FD.  
Held electronically for call-in participants.  
52751 Columbia River Hwy., Scappoose, OR 97056  
May 14, 2020 at 7:00 PM

**Regular Meeting:** After due and legal notice the Regular Board Meeting of the Scappoose Rural Fire District was called to order at 7:00 PM by Board President David Graham. President Graham led the attendees in the flag salute.

**Public Comment:** FF Maginn thanked the Board and Division Chiefs for including Local 1660 in the budget discussions.

**SRFD Consent Agenda:** Director Sorenson moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Director Cairns seconded. President Graham mentioned that it was good to see the list of accounts payable once again. President Graham called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business:**

**Chief Hoke:** Director Sorenson mentioned the reimbursement from FEMA for COVID purchases. Chief Hoke mentioned the SAFER grants currently being written for recruitment/retention and student/intern programs at SRFD. President Graham mentioned the work with Northwest Trail Alliance on Rocky Point Road. SRFD now has access to trails in the event there is need for an extraction.

**DC Holsey's EMS Report:** Chief Holsey was available by phone. Director Kriek asked if the community paramedic program would end for SRFD with the end of the IGA. Chief Hoke said the program will continue. There has been a donation of a fog machine to disinfect areas and equipment used for possible COVID cases.

**DC Marks' Training Report:** Mentioned that there three SRFD Volunteer Recruits currently in academy. The last class will be held July 11, 2020. Clatskanie Fire has a scheduled Burn-to-Learn on May 30, 2020.

**Fire Marshal's Report:** President Graham said it looked like there were a number of inspections. DC Pricher mentioned that there were a number of new construction projects that needed inspections. Director Sorenson asked if driveway inspections were considered new construction. DC Pricher said that any time a change is made to a property, new inspections are required to meet code. Director Gift asked what major projects are currently in Scappoose. DC Pricher said PCC, OMIC, apartment complexes where the red barn currently sits, and the hangar at the airport.

**DC Smythe's Operations Report:** Director Sorenson asked for an update on the new engine. DC Smythe said that Freightliner had a slowdown. The chassis payment is due by mid-July. We should see the new apparatus in the spring of 20-21.

**Recruitment and Retention Report:** Director Gift mentioned to DC Marks that he appreciated the fact that the new recruits were encouraged to remain involved in the organization during the recent slow-down.

**Old Business:**

**Second Reading and Board Adoption of Ordinance 20-01 To Establish a Master Fee Schedule:**

President Graham asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 20-01. Director Kriek motioned. Director Gift seconded. Chief Hoke mentioned that SRFD would continue to use Systems Design West as the EMS billing agency. Director Gift asked when the community paramedic would become involved. Chief Hoke mentioned that all crews will refer recurring issues to the community paramedic upon their discretion. President Graham called for the vote to adopt Ordinance 20-01. Motion carried unanimously.

**Executive Session: (pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated to carry on labor negotiations) at 7:36:06 PM.**

**Regular Meeting resumed at 8:32:46 PM.**

**Miscellaneous: None**

**New Business:**

**1) Appoint Interim Fire Chief:** Two people are under consideration. Discussion regarding appointing an interim chief. President Graham said he prefers the appointee be someone from inside the district. Directors discussed the pros and cons of appointing someone within the organization or accepting an interim appointment from SDAO. Director Gift expressed his concern on principle, saying he disagreed with the process because having an inside candidate as interim would discourage applicants for the permanent position. Director Cairns moved to appoint DC Pricher Acting Fire Chief for 6 months effective June 5, 2020, with the option to extend if necessary. DC Pricher asked the Board to provide him with their expectations. In return, the Board asked DC Pricher for his vision for the role of Acting Fire Chief. Director Sorenson seconded. Voting Aye: President Graham, Directors Sorenson, Cairns, and Kriek. Voting Nay: Director Gift. Motion carried.

**2) Consider property tax measures & District borrowing:** DC Pricher delivered a presentation on historical information about the district's finances, call volume, employment history, and future needs, including options for funding those needs. No decision was expected; the presentation was an effort toward laying the groundwork for future funding and operational decision-making.

**3) Miscellaneous:** President Graham asked if the Budget Committee Meeting was scheduled. After discussion, it was decided the Budget Committee meeting be held at the next regularly scheduled board meeting scheduled for June 11, 2020.

**Good of the Order:** Director Gift asked for follow-up on discussions with Local 1660, and the need for dates to be finalized. DC Pricher presented a copy of his co-authored book Wildland Fire Fighter Principles and Practice to the Board.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:39 pm.**