



# SCAPPOOSE FIRE DISTRICT

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## Scappoose Rural Fire District Board of Directors Regular Meeting Thursday, November 14, 2024

**Call to Order & Flag Salute** – President Reeves called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and led the flag salute.

**Roll Call** – President Reeves, Vice President Graham, Director Sorenson, Director Krieck, Director Gift, Chief Pricher, Lt. Ahlers, FF Bernier, FF Denley, FF Gandara, FF Mathews, ERT Curio, FA Heath, Office Manager Booth.

**Public Comment** – There was no public comment.

### **Consent Agenda** –

Approve the minutes from the 10-10-24 regular meeting-- no comments.

Approve the minutes from the 10-16-24 special meeting – no comments.

Approve the minutes from the 11-6-24 special meeting – no comments.

Approve October Profit & Loss – Director Sorenson asked for information regarding the Microwave Fire conflagration reimbursement, OCV, LLC expense, and St. Helens Police Department expenses. Director Gift asked for information regarding the 4” water pipe leak in the fire suppression system. Vice President Graham asked for information on the 2017 ambulance turbo replacement repairs.

Approve October Budget vs. Actual – Director Gift asked for information on the expenses to the Communications budget which is 84% expended. He also asked if the Training budget, currently expended at 3.72%, will increase expenditures soon and what those expenditures will be. Chief Pricher explained that the academy begins in January, along with the high school program, PALS recertification, and EMT school expenses. Director Gift also asked if the budgeted \$300,000 in EMS Apparatus & Equipment will cover the

cost of a new ambulance. Director Sorenson noted that Maintenance on Equipment is already 50% expended and IT expenses are within budget so far. Large IT purchases will be expected in the last half of the fiscal year.

Director KriECK moved to approve the consent agenda. Director Graham seconded.

Directors Gift, KriECK, Reeves, Sorenson, and Graham all voted to approve the consent agenda. **The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Statistical Data –**

Ambulance Activity Report – It was noted that October 2024 was the highest EMS revenue in the last 3 years.

Community Paramedic Report – Chief Pricher shared news from the annual review of the CP program with Care Oregon. Care Oregon remains pleased and appreciates the information that is compiled for the monthly reports. Director Gift noted the change in colors on page 32 of the October report regarding ‘enrolled’ and ‘deceased’.

Response Activity Report – Chief Pricher said October 2024 was the busiest month in five years. Director Gift asked if COVID contributed to the increase. ERT Curio said it was difficult to say with cold/flu season and COVID all increasing as the seasons change. Chief Pricher said that overlapping calls during the daytime hours happen 50% of the time, which is a definite increase in the last 10 years. Director KriECK asked if there has been an increase in population over the last 10 years that would account for the calls. Chief Pricher answered that the age of patients in our community has been climbing over the last few years.

UAS Flight Summary – Chief Pricher noted that October 2024 was a light month for flights. Director Gift asked for more information regarding what photos and videos were taken. Chief Pricher said most were mapping and training videos.

#### **Staff Reports –**

Chief’s Report – Chief Pricher explained the work and timeline associated with moving the SRFD email to a .gov domain for additional cybersecurity. Director Sorenson asked for an update on the discussion with Burlington Water District. Director KriECK asked for additional information on the 2023 SPIRE grant. Director Gift asked for an update on the IGA with Columbia River Fire & Rescue regarding Duty Officer coverage. He also asked if the Chief’s 430 hours included his deployment on wildfires.

Operations & EMS Report – No questions.

Fire Marshal & Training – Director Gift asked about the status of new volunteers. Some are waiting on background checks. Director Sorenson confirmed the academy and the high school programs both begin in January and asked who would be leading those projects.

Member Outreach Report – No questions.

Finance Report – Director Sorenson confirmed that Resolution 2024-02 appropriates \$38,000 additional dollars in the budget to purchase two LifePak 35s. FA Heath confirmed. President Reeves asked if this supplement budget required a hearing. Chief Pricher and FA Heath confirmed it did not.

### **Old Business –**

Supplemental Budget 2024-02 – Director Sorenson moved to approve Supplement Budget 2024-02 for the purchase of two LifePak 35s. Director Gift seconded.

Directors Gift, Kriek, Reeves, Sorenson, and Graham all voted to approve the resolution. **The Motion passed unanimously.**

Director Gift requested an update on the status of recently reviewed items referred to the attorney. Regarding credit card policy wording, the attorney said not to change the current language. Other policies referred to the attorney include requirements for those running for board member position, Section 8 of board policy, and public contracting rules.

### **Committee Reports –**

The Management Team met prior to the meeting. They completed the Fire Chief’s annual review, which was satisfactory, and included a few suggested items for growth. The Management Team also reviewed financial hardship waivers.

Long-Range Planning – did not meet

Awards & Incentives – did not meet

Director Gift asked when during the year the appointments to the committees are made.

### **Miscellaneous –**

The Management Team approved the hardship waivers based on documents submitted with the waivers. Director Graham moved to approve the two waivers. Director Sorenson seconded.

Directors Gift, Kriek, Reeves, Sorenson, and Graham all voted to approve the financial hardship waivers. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Government Ethics Commission Training – HB2505B requires all governing body members to attend training on Public Meeting Law. FA Heath will send board members a link to register for this training.

**New Business** – No new business

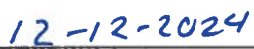
**Communications** – Thank you notes from the Grabhorn family and Grant Watts Elementary were shared. Chief Pricher shared that this meeting will be FA Heath’s last board meeting as a full-time employee.

**Good of the Order** – Chief Pricher recognized all crews for their continued hard work and efforts during a very busy month. Lt. Ahlers shared Fill The Boot 2024 news. Almost \$10,000 was raised for MDF during this year’s event.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

  
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Dave Sorenson, Secretary-Treasurer

  
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Submitted by Karleigh Booth