

Scappoose Rural Fire District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 12, 2023

Microsoft Teams meeting

In-Person Attendance: President Reeves, Vice-President Gift, Director Sorenson, Director Kriek. Director Graham attended virtually.

Also in Attendance: Chief Pricher, Chief Bautista, Chief Marks, Lt. Anderson, FF Ahlers, FF Wenner, FF Zimbrick, FF Mathews, FA Heath

I. Call to Order & Flag Salute- President Reeves called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:01 pm.

II.Public Comment: No comment.

III.Consent Agenda: Director Sorenson moved to approve the consent agenda. Director Gift seconded.

Discussion: Question regarding Karst Sports rope rescue material expense and \$10,000 grant award in training budget. Director Sorenson asked about purchases of challenge coins in two separate accounts. Chief Pricher explained the purchase; one expense was for the District and one was for a special award. Director Sorenson asked for an explanation for a Planet Hollywood expense, which is a training expense. The journal entries of grant revenues from the City of Scappoose were explained through grant funds to property funds. Director Kriek asked if we run biodiesel. Vice-president Gift asked if there are additives in the biodiesel. Lt. Anderson explained that we do have additives in our fuel.

Director Sorenson noted that property taxes are coming in as expected, with monthly turnovers expected until June. We are expecting to exceed the budgeted 90% of tax revenues. EMS revenues are also trending upward. Director Gift noted that SRFD has collected \$55,668 more EMS revenue in 2022 over 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV.Statistical Data: Directors commented on various ambulance and response activity reports. Directors noted the increasing number of calls. UAS flight report spurred comments on KOIN6 and KGW news stories about SRFD's UAS program. Director Gift asked if there was a place on the District's website that explains the UAS program. Chief Pricher showed the board where UAS program description and links are located on the District's website. Information on the collaborative program at the high school will be added to the site once plans for the program are finalized.

V. Staff Reports:

Chief's Report: Chief Pricher spoke to the large number of grants that are in-process, which is the bulk of his report. Director Sorenson wishes to recognize Senator Merkley's office in thanks for the grant of \$198,000.

Director Sorenson moved to send a thank you to Senator Merkley's office for the work he has done to assist SRFD in our UAS program. Director Kriek seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Operations Report: Directors asked about the status of the radio installation. We are waiting on parts for the mobile radios. Lt. Anderson acquired additional interoperability boxes to our 800 MHz radios will be bridged to our VHF radios.

Thermal imaging model cameras were discussed, and Chief Marks explained the staff's choice of cameras (FLIR) which are less expensive and non-NFPA compliant. As SRFD was not awarded the AFG grant, we are not held to the purchase of an NFPA compliant TIC. Chief Marks explained that the proposal will be for 7 thermal imaging cameras. Chief Pricher is hoping to bring a purchase proposal for the cameras before the Board at the February 2023 meeting.

Roof quotes on the Chapman Station are in-progress. Discussion regarding quotes and future mitigation will be forthcoming.

Discussion on the new engine color scheme (red) was explained. New apparatus will be solid red, and decided upon by staff, collectively.

EMS Operations Report: Chief Marks discussed a late entry to his report regarding updating the Noridian (Medicare) payment portal and the survey SRFD will be completing, in order to improve our Medicare service and reimbursements.

President Reeves asked how the Civil Service project is progressing. Chief Marks has written some draft rules, with ORS guidance. The development of the new CSC is moving forward.

Chief Marks spoke about his meeting with Commissioner Kelly Smith regarding the work with the county and petition her for support.

Chief Sorenson asked about the updates to the access control system. Chief Marks reports this project is moving along and should be a seamless update.

Fire Marshal & Training Report: Director Sorenson asked about FF/Para and Fire Inspector positions in a capacity grant application. Chief Bautista explained the grant format structure and we expect announcement of awards in late spring, due to many applications received by the state.

Director Sorenson asked how the team is being received in the community regarding the company inspections and fire marshal inspections. Chief Bautista said most people are respectful and understand that our objectives are to mitigate loss.

Chief Pricher explained the Intterra platform and how it informs responding crews.

Chief Bautista spoke to his renewed Fire Marshal and Airport Facilities committee appointments.

Upcoming trainings were discussed. There are 3 confirmed and possibly a 4th volunteer signed up for the academy.

President Reeves asked if 61 certifications from DPSST the highest number was issued to SRFD in a year. Chief Bautista was unsure but congratulated the hard work and efforts of the crews.

Finance Report: Questions were asked about SDIS payments of \$66,000 for property and casualty insurance and \$27,000 for monthly health insurance, which is a monthly expense.

Old Business: Building remodel plans continue. HVAC replacements and station improvements for space and training continue to be added. We are in the process of applying with the City of Scappoose for pre-application. Updated drawings will be needed for this process.

Committee Reports

Management Team: Met prior to this evening's meeting, which has been covered in the regular meeting.

Long Range Planning Committee: Hoping to meet the first of February.

Awards & Incentives: MO/BA Green is in process of scheduling a meeting with the Awards and Incentives committee board members, as well as scheduling the Awards Banquet.

Incentive insurance policies for volunteers are currently being examined. If a program is chosen, it would begin in FY23-24.

Miscellaneous: Nothing to add.

New Business

Appoint 2023-2024 Budget Officer: Director Sorenson moved to appoint Chief Jeff Pricher as Budget Officer. Director Kriek seconded.

Motioned passed unanimously.

Approve 2023-2024 Budget Calendar: Kriek moved to approve budget calendar. Director Gift seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Major Budget Item Discussion- 1) New roof in Chapman, 2) new engines orders are on the horizon. Ordering a new engine knowing we aren't going to receive it for two years requires budget planning. 3) Replacement of HVAC units. 4) Suburbans, C4303's vehicle, rescue replacement, and 5) main station roof repair.

SDAO Workers' Compensation Consent: Director Sorenson moved to allow Chief Pricher to investigate the possibility of SDAO Workers' Compensation rates at a potential cost saving to the district. Director Kriek seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

X. Communications

SRFD received a public records request from an individual requesting information on mergers SRFD has been involved in. This request was forwarded to the District's attorney. At this time, no response will be forthcoming from the District.

XI. Good of the Order: Chief Pricher offered to play the KOIN6 news story on SRFD's UAS program.

Adjourn:

Director Kriek motioned to adjourn; Director Sorenson seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Director Reeves adjourned the meeting at 8:42 pm.

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.



Susan Reeves, Board President



Submitted by Maria Heath