



SCAPPOOSE FIRE DISTRICT

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Scappoose Rural Fire District Board of Directors Regular Meeting Thursday, August 14, 2025

Call to Order & Flag Salute- President Graham called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the flag salute.

Roll Call- David Graham, Susan Reeves, Mark Gift, Ken Wagner, Chief Pricher, FA Booth, Lt. Ahlers, FF Mathews, FF Wenner, FF Kriek, FF Hughes.
Director Sorenson was excused from this meeting.

Public Comment- Lt. Ahlers thanked Ken Wagner for being our newest board member.
President Graham swore in Ken Wagner as a new board member.

Consent Agenda

Approve Minutes from 7-10-2025 regular meeting- No questions or comments.

Approve July 2025 Profit & Loss Detail- Chief Pricher let the board know that we have added project codes to our accounting this fiscal year, so in the upcoming financial reports, we will see how much money has been spent on which vehicles.

Approve July 2025 Budget vs. Actual- Director Gift asked why the Property Fund Revenue is over by 286% and Chief Pricher explained that it is from the Cascade Tissue revenue. At the end of last fiscal year, the board approved a supplemental budget, so that money is in the Property Fund Revenue as unappropriated revenue.

Director Reeves moved to approve the consent agenda. Director Wagner seconded the motion. All board members are in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Statistical Data

Ambulance Activity Report- Chief Pricher explained that the district is on par with transports compared to the last few years. He explained that ambulance revenue is a moving target, and the revenue comes in throughout the year.

Community Paramedic Program- There was no report this month; there are ongoing issues with the program used to build the reports. Chief Pricher told the board that the Community Paramedics' schedule has changed, so there is coverage six days per week.

Response Activity Report- We had more fire calls this year than last year. When looking at overlapping calls, they have decreased recently.

UAS Flight Summary- Chief Pricher noted that there were only five flights last month with about an hour of flight time.

Staff Reports

Chief's Report- No questions.

Operations & EMS Report- Director Gift asked for an update on the new ambulance. Chief Pricher explained that the prebuild happened about two weeks ago, and it's still in progress. Director Graham asked if there was any ASA update. Chief Pricher explained that the district has not heard from the county at all.

Fire Marshal & Training Report- Chief Bautista has been doing business inspections and pre-fire plans. We are hoping to lower our ISO rating in the next year or two when we get re-rated by the insurance services organization.

Member Outreach Report- Chief Pricher noted how busy Henry has been. Director Reeves thanked Henry again on behalf of the city for doing the fire extinguisher training.

Finance Report- Director Gift noted GEMT revenue, and Chief Pricher briefly explained what GEMT is to our new board member. Director Graham asked if the spike on the graph on the second page was due to the fires in January. FF Kriek gave kudos to FA Booth for her hard work on the July payroll.

Old Business

SOG Amendment for financial hardships- The SOG verbiage for financial hardships was amended to say that the Fire Chief is authorized to waive charges up to \$5,000. If charges are more than \$5,000, the determination will be up to the board.

Director Gift moved to accept the SOG ambulance billing regarding the chief's ability to determine if the amount is not over \$5,000, with the exception of a date change from September 11, 2025, to August 14, 2025. Director Reeves seconded the motion. All board members are in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

IGA with Vernonia- Chief Pricher wanted to update the board. After the district signed it, it was given to Vernonia, and their board president signed it on Tuesday. We have not yet seen the completed document, but they did post a notice on Facebook stating that we are partnering with them on some fire marshal services.

Committee Reports

Management Team- Chief Pricher will be meeting with one of the county commissioners and a couple of other people who are involved in the Homeland Security Emergency Management Committee to go over a proposal that the county wants to give all of their partners to continue paying into. In the past, we have paid \$10,000 a year for a second position at Emergency Management. Our district, along with all of the fire agencies in the county, has stopped payment because, for the last four or five years, they haven't used any of the money.

We have been working with our financial consultant, and one recommendation he made was that we might want to consider another way of presenting the Profit and Loss to the board and the community. One way would be to line up the revenues with the expenditures and not get as far into the details. Something to note is that between July and November, we will always be spending more than we are bringing in, but it will help the community see what's happening financially, whereas the current budget vs actual is harder to read due to the revenue and expenses being separated by a few pages. Our goal is to try this quarterly and come up with a format that works.

Strategic Planning Committee- Did not meet. Will most likely meet starting in October or November.

President Graham gave committee assignments to board members: Mark Gift and Susan Reeves on the Long-Range Planning Committee, and have Dave Sorenson fill in if either person is unavailable. For the time being, we are going to let Ken get his feet under him before adding more work.

Miscellaneous

Informational on Complex Incident Management- Chief Pricher gave a brief presentation on what happens when he goes out with the federal incident management team.

Starlink- Chief Pricher explained that without cellphone connectivity, our staff cannot communicate with each other, other agencies, or hospitals, do their care reports, run certain programs, and an array of other important things, so the district invested in two refurbished Starlink minis. One will be dedicated to UAS, and the other will be for the REMS

unit. With Starlink, we will eventually be able to get rid of our satellite phones because Wi-Fi calling is available.

New Business

Swearing in of Ken Wagner- Moved to the beginning of the meeting.

Board Goal Discussion- No goal setting today. Chief Pricher just wanted to bring goal setting to the board's attention to think about over the next couple of months.

Communications

2025 Board of Directors Training- Please let FA Booth know what training (if any) you would like to do, and she will get you registered.

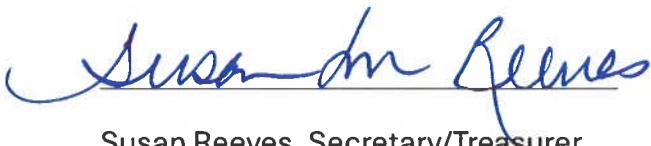
FEMA- Chief Pricher wanted to share a letter we received from FEMA because we got good markings on our audit.

Good of the Order

Chief Pricher put in a document about a medical incident that happened on a fire and gave a brief description of the medical event.

Adjourn- President Graham adjourned the meeting at 8:18 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, Secretary/Treasurer



Date

Submitted by Karleigh Booth