



SCAPPOOSE FIRE DISTRICT

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Scappoose Rural Fire District Board of Directors Regular Meeting Thursday, March 13, 2025 Microsoft Teams meeting

Call to Order & Flag Salute – President Reeves called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and led the flag salute.

Roll Call – President Reeves, Director Sorenson, Director Kriek, Assistant Chief Marks, FA Booth, Lt. Ahlers, FF Gandara, FF Booth, FF Bernier, FF Mathews, ERT Cahoon, David Grant.

Virtual Attendance: Director Graham, Chief Pricher, Lt. Anderson.

Excused: Director Gift

Public Comment – No public comment.

Consent Agenda

Approve Minutes from 2-13-25 regular meeting – No comments or questions.

Approve Feb. 2025 Profit & Loss Detail – Director Graham asked what the Aloha door payment was for. Chief Marks explained that the drive motor and a spring broke on one of the garage doors. Director Sorenson stated that property taxes were looking good and Chief Pricher commented that we are right on track. Director Sorenson asked if we have got any conflagration money back yet from the January fires in California and Chief Pricher let the board know that we have not received any money yet and we probably won't see any until next fiscal year because it takes an average of nine months to be reimbursed. Chief Pricher also let the board know that there will be a payment out of Admin in the next couple of months to Portland Fire and Clackamas Fire for the fires last summer. We have received revenue from the federal government for the fires but have not paid the other agencies yet due to an intergovernmental agreement we were working on with Portland Fire and Clackamas Fire going through internal reviews.

Approve Feb. 2025 Budget vs. Actual – Director Sorenson mentioned that Maintenance on Equipment is on track and asked if there are any upcoming expenses. Chief Pricher answered that there was going to be some work done on the fire boat and that it was currently out of the water. Chief Pricher let the board know that we are getting quotes for maintenance items on the boat this fiscal year. Director Graham asked what type(s) of

problems the boat was having. Chief Marks answered that the electronics are in good shape but there is some corrosion on the hull and the anodes that were put on may have been the wrong ones. We are looking at what maintenance to do this fiscal year and what to put off until the next fiscal year. Overall, the boat is in very good shape. Lt. Anderson has been speaking to a lot of different people to get the best, most educated opinions that he can on what needs to be done and done correctly. Director Graham asked if the district has looked into any type of boat lift to get the boat out of the water. Chief Pricher will look into getting one and get back to the board next month.

Director Kriek moved to approve the consent agenda. Director Sorenson seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Statistical Data

Ambulance Activity Report – No questions or comments.

Community Paramedic Report – Director Graham asked if we have been seeing results from what the community paramedic has been doing in the community. Chief Pricher answered that when he and Chief Bautista went to the Senior Center last week to do a presentation on the fire district and discuss the upcoming levy, everyone was talking about Nina.

Response Activity Report – Chief Pricher mentioned that this month was one of the busiest months in several years with 197 calls. The other significant metric to look at is the overlapping incidents. 50% of the calls overlapped during the daytime and 21% at night. Director Kriek asked if there was a way to capture when we are having multiple calls at the same time and how it affects our response times. Chief Pricher, Chief Marks, and Chief Hennigan are going over the data. Chief Pricher let him know that he didn't have an answer to that specific question during this time but the district is better than meeting the minimum time requirements as established by the county through the Ambulance Service Area ordinance. Response times might be a little delayed based on what we would like to see but we are not having any overages in terms of responding on the first or second calls. Chief Pricher let the board know that the chiefs could come up with another metric to see if the board would like to see that in upcoming board reports. Chief Marks explained to the board that he has a report based on the ambulance times (if it's a single, double, triple, etc. hit). Director Sorenson noted that the chart on page 32, the fire incidents are double what they were last year in February and asked if the snow affected the amount of calls. Chief Pricher answered that he doesn't think the snow affected the call volume and to remember that the "fire" column also includes service calls. Chief Marks has a report ready if the board would like to see it in the next board packet. Chief Pricher asked what specific metrics the board would like to see in the report. Director Krick answered that he would like to see when a response time is way out of the norm (for example 15 minutes due to a triple hit). Chief Marks answered that looking at the reports from the last eight months or so that has never happened. Director Krick stated that he isn't looking for a specific metric, he

would like to see calls noted when they are out of the norm and look into the reason behind it. Chief Hennigan and Chief Marks have been auditing the data and looking into any times that are out of the ordinary. After discussing this, the board does not feel the need to see another report in the board packet.

UAS Flight Summary – Chief Pricher noted that it was a light month. No questions.

Staff Reports

Chief's Report – We are going to be making our transition over to @scappoosefire.gov. Currently, the chiefs and the admin staff have been moved and the rest are going to be changed in about two to four weeks. The website will also eventually change to www.scappoosefire.gov but that transition will take longer, there is no end date yet. Director Reeves asked if there would be a grace period for emails going from @srfd.us to @scappoosefire.gov and Chief Pricher answered that yes, there will be a period of forwarding for about a year.

Operations & EMS Report – Director Graham noted that the LifePak35s are working through a few issues. Chief Marks explained that ERT Curio has been working with Stryker and Image Trend to get everything up and running. Chief Marks is going to speak with Image Trend at a conference next week. Director Sorenson asked for an update on the ASA progress. There is no update. Director Reeves asked about a truck fire that occurred. Chief Marks explained that he was responding to a call and his lights and sirens completely shut off while he was driving. Chief Marks pulled into the station and he and Lt. Anderson looked at it and eventually found smoke after turning the lights back on. The damage was kept to that small spot. There were eight of the lights on the vehicle and all of them were replaced. They are not positive about the cause, but it seems as if it was a wiring to a light problem.

Fire Marshal & Training Report – Director Sorenson asked if we are in the middle of a recruit academy now and Chief Marks answered that we are. Director Sorenson asked if the High School program is currently going on or if it is on a break. Chief Pricher answered that the first class for the second half of the year starts next Wednesday.

Member Outreach – Chief Pricher wanted to add that in 2000 the district had eight volunteers. After talking with Henry last week, we currently have 31. The district has also seen the volunteers staying longer on average. Director Graham thanked the volunteers and everyone who helped put on the awards banquet.

Finance Report – Director Sorenson asked how often we receive money for the community paramedic program. FA Booth answered that they are invoiced for three months at a time. Director Graham asked about the chart in the finance report and noted the steep decline. Chief Pricher answered that most of it is due to us sending two pieces of equipment and seven people to the fires in California. FA Booth answered that the other significant reason for the decline is due to PERS not being included on the graph, it will show up the following month.

Old Business

A. Levy Continuation Update – We got the ballot title in and to the best of our knowledge the ballot title was not challenged. Next week is the next deadline to get another form in and what we want to see in the voter's pamphlet. Once that is done, we will be moving forward. There is still a small window where we can discuss the levy. Director Sorenson asked if CCOM is going out for a levy renewal at the same time we are asking for a continuation. Chief Pricher answered no, they are not going out in May. The Sheriff's Department (jail levy) and us are the only two on the ballot.

Committee Reports

Management Team – Did not meet.

Strategic Planning Committee – Did not meet.

Miscellaneous-

Financial Hardship Waivers- Will be reviewed at the next management meeting. Director Reeves noted that she would like staff to be able to make recommendations to the board. Chief Pricher explained that it would have to be made a board policy. For now, the financial hardships waivers must go through the management team and then be brought to the board for final voting.

New Business

- A. Major Budget Item Discussion- It has been discovered that our uniforms contain PFAS and it will be a significant expense to replace them. FF Dietz and Chief Marks have been working together over the last year or so to research if the class B uniforms (shirts and pants) contain PFAS. FF Dietz recently heard back from the manufacturer and they verified that the uniforms were made with PFAS until recently. We are moving forward with replacing button-down shirts and pants. Turnouts are also made with PFAS. They are on a replacement schedule and we are working on getting turnouts that are as PFAS-free as they can be. Right now, the focus is on replacing uniforms. Director Sorenson asked how much we would be budgeting. Chief Pricher answered that it would be about \$25,000. Chief Marks noted there is talk about a bill trying to make PFAS in turnouts not allowed with the date of replacement of July 2026. There has been some pushback, but it is still in the talks.
- Another major item to discuss is personal escape systems or "bail-out kits" for about \$25,000. The staff has asked to standardize these kits and we are looking at purchasing 45 of them for about \$580 apiece.
- The last major item to discuss is an ambulance. We put the order in and were informed that it might be made faster than we thought so next fiscal year we may be purchasing

an ambulance.

Communications-

A. Thank you from the Bennetts – No questions or comments.

Good of the Order – Chief Pricher wanted to recognize the hours of training our staff has been putting in.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

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Dave P. Sorenson

April 10, 2025

Dave Sorenson, Secretary-Treasurer

Date

Submitted by Karleigh Booth