



SCAPPOOSE FIRE DISTRICT

P.O. BOX 625 SCAPPOOSE, OREGON 97056

Scappoose Rural Fire District Board of Directors Regular Meeting Thursday, September 11, 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, David Sorenson, Ken Wagner, Chief Pricher, FA Booth, FF Cardoos, ERT Curio, Lt. Anderson, FF Denley, Lt. DuBois.

Director Gift is excused from the meeting.

Public Comment- Congratulations to Ken Wagner and Dave Sorenson for getting inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Consent Agenda:

Approve Minutes from 8-14-2025 regular meeting- No comments or questions.

Approve August 2025 Profit & Loss Detail- Director Sorenson asked about the body work costs. Chief Pricher explained that a deer was hit, and those expenses were to fix the damage to the ambulance. Director Sorenson asked about keeping an eye on the Maintenance on Equipment budget, as it already at 45%. Chief Pricher explained that all of the expenses are legitimate, and we are watching it closely. Director Sorenson asked about Starlink and how it is being utilized. Chief Pricher brought it out to show the board and explained that it can be plugged in and used right away. It costs \$5.00 per month to maintain the account (not using it, just storing it). It is \$50 per month if it is used intermittently, and if we use unlimited data for the month, it is \$165.

Approve August 2025 Budget vs. Actual- Chief Pricher noted that this month was a little lower than expected on ambulance revenue. Director Reeves moved to approve the consent agenda. Director Sorenson seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Statistical Data:

Ambulance Activity Report- Chief Pricher noted that ambulance revenue is slightly below average when compared to the previous three years.

Community Paramedic Program- We are still having issues accessing ImageTrend data. Director Reeves asked how our two Community Paramedics are doing. Chief Pricher answered that they are doing great. With two of them, the county has coverage six days per week.

Response Activity Report- Chief Pricher noted that overall, our call volume was slightly lower in August than it has been. The age of our patients remains the same, with the majority being between 60 and 100 years old. We had a day with no calls last month, which almost never happens, and night overlapping calls have been declining.

UAS Flight Summary- There were not very many flights last month. Director Sorenson asked how many agencies in Oregon use drones. Chief Pricher answered that there are about 15 right now, and there are going to be about 13 more soon.

Staff Reports:

Chief's Report- We sent a couple of our staff up to Rocky Point Rd. to help Oregon State University when they were doing their walkthrough of their property. Weyerhaeuser gifted them property to set up an experimental forest (this will be one of two or three in the state). Director Sorenson asked if Chief Pricher was in Mississippi. Chief Pricher explained that he was not in Mississippi; he was working on a program with George Mason University about a national certification program for public safety in UAS. Chief Pricher let the board know that he was in Washington, DC, attending a leadership summit.

Chief Pricher briefly explained that the city of Lacrosse brought a class action lawsuit against the Rev Group. Three manufacturers control all the fire equipment, and there is evidence that points to price fixing. We are not a party to the lawsuit, but we could benefit from it. Director Wagner asked how many vehicles we purchased during that time. Chief Pricher answered that we got two.

Chief Pricher was asked to participate as part of a steering group to help the commissioners revamp the IGA to hopefully get agencies to put in more money so they can hire a second Emergency Management position. The last IGA expired in 2019, and several agencies continued to pay but then stopped because they discovered that the county was using a grant to fund the second position, thereby diverting all the agency's money into an account without spending it. There was a long discussion about how best to set up the IGA. We recommended that they keep it simple. Instead of using excess funds for training or equipment, the proposed language said that if the position goes unfilled, then we either get reimbursed or get a credit for the next year, and the money is specific to hiring a secondary position.

Operations & EMS Report- Director Sorenson asked if Chief Marks is working on the ASA. Chief Pricher answered yes, he is, as well as ERT Curio, Chief Hennigan, and Chief Pricher.

Fire Marshal & Training Report- Director Reeves asked how the IGA with Vernonia Fire District is going. Chief Pricher explained that we have had about one driveway inspection per month for Vernonia. Director Reeves asked about the pictures in Chief Bautista's report. Chief Pricher explained that the pictures are from the academy graduation and from the training at the Sawyer Point Apartments.

Member Outreach Report- Director Graham noted that Henry has been busy.

Finance Report- Director Sorenson noted that there was some property tax revenue. Chief Pricher confirmed that the tax turnover was from previous year. Chief Pricher also added that project codes have been implemented.

Old Business:

Strategic Goals- Are the current goals still adequate? Or is it time for the board to do another SWOT analysis and come up with new goals?

Committee Reports:

Management Team- Met and discussed everything in the Chief's report.

Strategic Planning Committee- Did not meet. Hoping to schedule a meeting next month with both board members and staff to start deliberating the next steps. We are proposing to potentially bring in a contractor to help us with a strategic plan and help us understand how (if at all) to move forward with the \$800,000 we have in our capital outlay fund. Should we use it on a renovation project, or do we focus on rolling stock?

Miscellaneous: None.

New Business: None.

Communications: Director Reeves updated the email addresses on the City App. Let her know if any other updates need to be made.

Good of the Order: Director Reeves thanked the crew for everything that they do. The crew thanked the board.

Adjourn- President Graham adjourned the meeting at 7:57 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

10-15-25

Date

Submitted by Karleigh Booth