

Scappoose Rural Fire District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 13, 2022

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Attendance: Vice President Gift, Director Kriek, Director Sorenson, Director Graham,
President Reeves was absent.

Others in attendance: Chief Pricher, FA Heath, Lt. Anderson, FF Mathews, FF Bernier, FF Kriek

Call to Order & Flag Salute: Director Graham called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Public Comment: None

“This is the time for public comment on agenda and non-agenda items. The Board will not take any immediate action but will document all comments and/or concerns. Please note, personnel concerns will not be discussed in a public meeting. If you have any concerns with personnel, please schedule a meeting with the Fire Chief or Board President.”

Audience Participation:

Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve: Director Sorenson moved to approve the consent agenda. Director Kriek seconded.

Directors asked questions regarding expenses from September as there were no memos on the report.

Approve Minutes from 9-8-22 regular meeting -

Approve 9-30-22 Expense Account activity -

9-30-22 Budget vs. Actual

Motion carried unanimously.

Statistical Data:

Ambulance Activity Report: Revenue improvements were noticed in September.

Response Activity Report: Fire in St. Helens Care Home was briefly discussed, including the Emergency Management activation and use of our tower truck in a large, coordinated effort that included multiple agencies. During this event, our agency also ran three medical calls.

Fifty percent of the calls in September were overlapping calls.

UAS Flight Summary: Nine flights during September, just short of 2 hours total. The UAS was used in the Estacada fire, helping to estimate size.

Staff Reports:

Chief's Report: Thanked staff for their patience while NIFF positions remain unfilled due to staffing challenges in the administrative office. The NIFF positions will be filled in January, with work starting on this in November/December.

Chief Pricher spoke about the conferences he attended during September.

Operations Report: Work continues regarding the building plans, with 3-4 more meetings to come. We are working with the city on plans for a training structure in the lot behind the station. This area is in the flood plain, so we plan to petition to be exempt from the flood plain requirements for structures within the flood plain.

Bunker gear storage and additional bays will be part of the proposed new structure. The plans include the addition of another bay on the east side of the main station that will require meeting the 'essential structure' requirements.

Careful planning and fiscal conservatism will be part of the strategic plan.

EMS Operations Report: Director Sorenson commented on the number of acronyms in all reports. Each acronym was explained.

Electronics upgrades for FB43 were discussed. Lt. Anderson updated board members, saying that Chief Marks hopes to have something to present to the board at the Nov. regular meeting.

Fire Marshal & Training Report: Discussion on Maple St. fire investigation, which is ongoing. Director Graham asked a question regarding whether driveway inspection requests have decreased.

Finance Report: No report – Chief Pricher reported on where the District currently stands with the FY22-23 budget.

Old Business:

Structure Engine Replacement (Combined with water tender in new business)

This topic was moved to New Business.

Committee Reports:

Management Team: Met prior to the regular board meeting. Chief Pricher was asked to notify the board members when he is out of town.

Long Range Planning Committee: There will be a report on station upgrades in Nov. packet.

Awards & Incentives: Nothing to report. Director Kriek is willing to help MO/BA Green. MO/BA Green will be part of this committee. His schedule will be stabilized beginning November.

Miscellaneous: Nothing to report.

New Business:

1) Allow staff to accept grant awards.

Director Kriek made a motion to accept current and future grants as presented, including matching funds. Director Sorenson seconded the motion.

Discussion: Chief Pricher reviewed all grants needing board approval prior to acceptance.

Motion passed unanimously.

2) Allow staff to start the purchase process of replacing the Water Tender and begin the purchase of a traditional engine.

Authorize a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,100,000.00 to purchase both pieces of equipment.

Funds will be spent over two years due to supply chain disruption.

Vice President Gift motioned to give Chief Pricher the authorization to begin the process of purchasing a water tender and structure engine not to exceed 1.1M. Director Kriek seconded the motion.

Discussion: Chief Pricher explained the process necessary for the purchases of the structure engine and water tender. This will take 18-24 months and referred to the staff report spreadsheet. Each apparatus requires 3 quotes and negotiations with vendors which will include discussions with the board. Since we budget 90% of our tax revenues and we have collected as much as 93% of tax revenues, the difference between our budgeted amount and actual revenue will be saved and used to purchase the two new apparatus or make improvements to the building. The 1.1M includes the \$399,038 AFG grant received for the purchase of a water tender.

Motion carried unanimously.

Good of the Order:

SDAO Annual Conference is Feb. 9-13 in Sunriver. This is the first in 3 years. Breakout sessions have not been announced.

Oregon Fire District Conference registration has been sent out by Chief Pricher.

Regular session ended: 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.

Executive Session: 192.660(2)(b). To consider dismissal or discipline of, or to hear charges or complaints against an office, employee, staff member or agent, if the individual does not request an open hearing.

Executive Session began at 8:18 pm.

Executive Session ended at 8:38 pm.

Regular session resumed at 8:38 pm.

Adjourn: Director Kriech moved to adjourn. Vice-President Gift seconded. Regular meeting adjourned 8:39 pm.