



SCAPPOOSE FIRE DISTRICT

P.O. BOX 625 SCAPPOOSE, OREGON 97056

Scappoose Rural Fire District Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Thursday, July 11, 2024

Microsoft Teams meeting

- I. **Call to Order & Flag Salute** - Director Graham called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and led the flag salute.
- II. **Roll Call** – Vice President Graham, Director Kriek, Director Sorenson, Chief Pricher, Lt. Anderson, Lt. Ahlers, FF Bernier, FF Mathews, FF Zimbrick, ERT Dawkins, FA Heath. Asst. Chief Marks attended electronically.

President Reeves and Director Gift were excused.

III. **Public Comment**

Chief Pricher introduced Devin Dawkins to the board members. Devin was recently hired as a full-time ERT.

The board went to New Business to complete the organizational meeting topics A1-6.
See X. New Business.

IV. **Consent Agenda**

- A. Approve Minutes from 6-13-2024 regular meeting – no comments
- B. Approve June 2024 Profit & Loss Detail – Director Sorenson asked about expenses for the new squad and command vehicle. Director Graham inquired about Drone Amplified purchases & Pro Auto expenses. Director Kriek asked what account interest revenue comes from. Director Sorenson noted the large grant revenue amount in June's P & L. He also asked about mowing fees to the City of Scappoose.
- C. Approve June 2024 Budget vs. Actual – Director Sorenson noted that revenue for 2023-24 was higher than expected, and asked if it means the budget will be adjusted.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

V. **Statistical Data**

- A. Ambulance Activity Report – Director Sorenson asked if the GADCS is an annual survey. Chief Marks responded that it is not, but it may become practice every ten years. Director Sorenson asked if the district had the data ready. Chief Marks responded that most of our data has been submitted for feedback. Chief Marks explained the timeline for GADCS reporting.
- B. Community Paramedic Report – Director Sorenson asked about when we expect to add another Community Paramedic (CP), and if we have a vehicle for that position. Chief Pricher explained the process and necessary budgetary steps before adding another CP. The contract was recently signed for the second year. Chief Marks shared the news that a community paramedic who is interested in modeling a CP program after ours had a ride-along recently.
- C. Response Activity Report- Overlapping calls were higher in June at 50% than in any previous month. Director Sorenson noted the spike in 30–39-year-old transport numbers. Staff mentioned the increase in mental health associated calls as a possible cause for the increase in this age group.
- D. UAS Flight Summary - Chief Pricher spoke about the funeral processional that was streamed live for a line-of-duty death.

VI. **Staff Reports**

- A. Chief's Report – Directors noted the full month of activities which included the addition of a new engine & the completion of the STEM education program. There was discussion about whether students from surrounding districts might be able to participate in the future.
- B. Operations & EMS Report - Directors had no questions.
- C. Fire Marshal & Training Report – Director Graham asked if building permits had slowed recently. Chief Pricher said the number of evaluations may have slowed, but those in the process are complex, requiring more time.
- D. Member Outreach – Directors noted the long list of activities in which member outreach was involved during the month of June.
- E. Finance Report – Director Kriek noted the decreased tax turnover in June due to the county's oversight of withholding in three turnovers for Cascade Tissue refunds.

VII. **Old Business** – No old business.

VIII. **Committee Reports**

- A. Management Team – Did not meet.
- B. Long Range Planning Committee – Did not meet.
- C. Awards & Incentives – Did not meet.

IX. **Miscellaneous** – No miscellaneous.

X. **New Business**

A. In accordance with Board Policy 2.18

1. Select President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer of the Board

Director Sorenson moved to nominate Susan Reeves as Board President. Director Kriek seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Director Sorenson moved to nominate David Graham as Vice President. Director Kriek seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Director Kriek moved to nominate Dave Sorenson as Secretary-Treasurer. Director Graham seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. State Official Newspaper – Director Sorenson moved to maintain the South County Spotlight as the District’s official newspaper. Director Kriek seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Regular board meeting date, time, and place – Director Kriek moved to maintain 7:00 pm on the second Thursday of every month in the Scappoose Fire Station Board Room. Director Sorenson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Establish employee evaluation month – Director Kriek moved to establish August as the employee evaluation month. Director Sorenson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Review the status of legal counsel – Director Sorenson moved to retain Local Government Law Group LLC as the District’s legal counsel. Director Kriek seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Review current contracts – No action necessary.

B. Annual ethics disclosure – This was tabled until the August board meeting, due to the absences of two board members.

C. Committee appointment by President – This was tabled until the August board meeting.

D. Referring to the Staff Report on page 63 of the board packet, Chief Pricher spoke about the ASA Request for Proposal (RFP) from the County. Directors agreed to meet with the County Commission regarding the request for RFP.

Regarding the Emergency Management IGA, the directors would like to make a decision on this at the August 2024 board meeting.

E. Civil Service Commission (CSC) – there is one individual interested in the CSC open position. Chief Pricher shared some background about the interested individual. Director Sorenson moved to appoint Adam Ofstad to the open position on the commission. Director Kriek seconded.


Motion carried unanimously.

- XI. **Communications** – No communications.
- XII. **Good of the Order** – Directors commented on the successful 4th of July breakfast benefitting the Scappoose Volunteer Firefighter’s Association. Statistics on the total donations and people fed were shared.
- XIII. **Adjourn** – at 8:17 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.



Dave Sorenson – Secretary-Treasurer



Date:

Submitted by Maria Heath