

Columbia River Fire & Rescue
Regular Meeting of the Boards of Directors
Virtual via GoTo Meeting
March 9, 2021 7:00 pm

Regular Meeting: After due and legal notice the Regular Board meeting of the Columbia River Fire & Rescue Board of Directors was called to order by President Feige at 7:00 pm via GoTo Meeting.

Present: Kim McLane, Hans Feige, Gary Hudson, Mark Kreutzer, Kelly Niles

Absent: None

Others: Chief Medina, DC O'Connor, FD Nelson, DC Smythe, DC Holsey, FF Fletcher, R&R Motherway, FM Pedersen, Greg Brody (7:19pm)

Changes to the agenda: None

Public Comment: None

Local 3215: None

CRFR Volunteers: 12 recruits are currently going through the academy. There is a great turnout of volunteers to assist.

Correspondence: Election Office calendar and notification

CRFR Consent Agenda: Included in the consent agenda are the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on February 9, 2021, checks 72241-72323 for \$192,629.88 and the financial statement as of January 31, 2021. VP Niles moved to approve. Secretary Hudson 2nd the motion.

There were questions regarding the checks to Corporate Security (background checks), Galls (uniforms and PPE), and Intterra (Data analysis, mapping software).

No further discussion. Unanimous vote, motion approved.

Chief Officers Report:

There was discussion about the new recruits who started on March 8, various topics covered at the Fire Defense Board meeting, inspecting, and reviewing the new fire apparatus and the final dates of remodel for the St. Helens and Fern Hill stations. The Board touched on refusal rates and transport rates as well.

Old Business:

- A. Budget Committee Meeting
 - a. Reminder that the Budget Committee Meeting will take place on April 30, 2021 at 6:30 pm
 - b. County health restrictions will dictate if the meeting is virtual or in person.
- B. Miscellaneous
 - a. None

New Business:

- A. Fire Protection Agreement
 - a. A property owner in Deer Island, Meissner is looking to develop their land. Per County Building rules, they must obtain a Fire Protection Agreement with the District prior to a building permit being issued. The property owner has signed the agreement and FD Nelson will send the invoice when the agreement has been approved.
 - b. Secretary Hudson moved to approve the Fire Protection Agreement with Robert and Caroline Nixon on Meissner Rd. Director McLane 2nd the motion
 - c. No further discussion. Unanimous vote, motion approved.
- B. Agenda Bill Goble Station Siding
 - a. Chief Smythe noted that the vendor currently working at Fern Hill as agreed to match their bid to replace siding at the Goble Station. These buildings were built at the same time and are the same floor plan.
 - b. VP Niles moved to approve the agenda bill to re-side and repair the Goble station, not to exceed \$55,385. Director Kruetzer 2nd the motion.
 - c. No further discussion. Unanimous vote, motion approved.
- C. Agenda Bill LBTC Bathroom remodel
 - a. The District would like to install a shower stall at LBTC for staff and volunteers to have an additional location to clean up and decontaminate after an incident.
 - b. Director McLane moved to approve the installation of a shower at LBTC not to exceed \$18,000. VP Niles 2nd the motion.
 - c. No further discussion. Unanimous vote, motion approved.
- D. Resolution 2020-21-008 Surplus Property
 - a. A list of items to be considered was included with the resolution. These were items that were donated to the District from the Volunteer Association. Some donated items have been kept for training.
 - b. Secretary Hudson moved to approve resolution 2020-21-008 Surplus equipment. Director McLane 2nd the motion.
 - c. There was a request to provide total receipts from GovDeals in the next Board packet.
 - d. No further discussion. Unanimous vote, motion approved.
- E. Personnel Policy PP6, Hours and Days of Work
 - a. This is an update to reflect the actual hours and days of work per the Chiefs contract and as the District Administrative Office is operating. Business hours Monday-Thursday 7am-5pm
 - b. Director McLane moved to approve the revised policy and practice. Director Kruetzer 2nd the motion.
 - c. No further discussion. Unanimous vote, motion approved.
- F. Volunteer LOSAP
 - a. This is the first year that the District will utilize the full grant support of the SAFER Volunteer grant. An additional \$25,000 was added to the District allocation of \$10,000. Each volunteer who has three years of service, and 100 hours of activity annually qualify for the distribution
 - b. Director Kruetzer moved to approve. Secretary Hudson 2nd the motion.
 - c. The Board wishes to express their sincere appreciation to the volunteers for the continued engagement and support.
 - d. No further discussion. Motion passes 4-0. Director McLane abstained due to conflict of interest.
- G. Ambulance Rate Increase

- a. Per the District SOP on EMS Billing, transport rates will be evaluated every two years. The last rate review was in 2019.
- b. FD Nelson review the past two years cost of living increases for SSI/Medicare and compared to the Medicare reimbursement rate. The average is 1.5% increase.
- c. There was a short discussion on the benefit of smaller increases over time vs. the doubling of the rate which is what happened a few years ago.
- d. Consensus was to increase the EMS transport and mileage rate by 1.5% beginning April 1, 2021.

H. Miscellaneous

- a. None

Board Comments:

Secretary Hudson: Nothing at this time

Director Kreutzer: Noted that the fire protection agreements approved over the past few months include approval for annexation.

VP Niles: Appreciate everyone's hard work. He registered for re-election

Director McLane: The District is moving in a good direction. Keep up the great work.

President Feige: Nothing at this time.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.