

Columbia River Fire & Rescue
Regular Meeting of the Boards of Directors
58611 McNulty Way, St. Helens OR 97051
And Virtual via GoTo Meeting
May 10, 2022, 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.

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

Absent: Kim McLane

Others: Chief Medina, DC Holsey, DC Mendola, DC Smythe, Jennifer Motherway, BC Davis, BC Cole, Britta Schinske, Eric Smythe's Family (mother, father, and children)

Via GoToMeeting: Aaron Peterson, James Pulito, Ben Uhl, Victor Haney, Ronald Cordell, Steven Raichel, Tyler (no last name), private citizen, Lynn Beggert, Rick Fletcher

Flag Salute: President Feige led the flag salute

Changes to the agenda: None

Public Comment: None

Correspondence: None

CRFR Consent Agenda: Included in the consent agenda are the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on April 12, 2022. Financial statement and checks to approve. Secretary Hudson moved to approve. VP Niles 2nd the motion.

Chief Officers Report: Chief Medina spoke of continued professional development and growth of our staff members. He briefed everyone on the attendance of Chief Smythe and Chief Holsey to the Oregon Fire Chief Conference in Bend, OR. He also spoke of the Oregon Fire Service Office Administrators conference that was attended by Britta Schinske, Kate Lehner, and Anika Todd in Silverton, OR. Chief Medina stressed the importance of professional development for all employees. Chief Smythe discussed attending the Oregon Fire Chiefs Conference and that a different group of chiefs will attend each year. Chief Holsey spoke of the different seminars they attended at the conference and how recruitment and retention are issues that all fire districts are facing. He said there were numerous breakout sessions relating to subjects such as mental health awareness and women in the fire service. He stated it was a great networking opportunity as well. VP Niles inquired about the ASA report and Chief Holsey briefed him on the status.

Old Business: Discussion regarding RSVP separation status. Chief Medina spoke of the program ending June 30, 2022. VP Niles inquired if any other organization picked up the program. Chief Medina explained that this grant can not be passed through. It needs to terminate with one organization before another organization can apply to sponsor the program.

New Business: Chief Medina discussed the SWAT analysis and explained the tech issues in the current admin building. He explained that the contractors were reviewing our systems and putting together a 5-year plan for an infrastructure upgrade. Director Kruetzer inquired about the wiring in relation to the IT equipment. Chief Medina explained that CAT 6 cables and fiber optics are necessary for security. Chief Medina made a proposal to develop the 7-acre fire training grounds on S. 9th Street St. Helens, OR.

Chief Medina is looking into state and federal funding to develop the property. Director Kreutzer made a motion to proceed with the development of the S. 9th Street Property and Secretary Hudson 2nd the motion. VP Niles made a statement to ensure the funds are not spent but that we continue the discussion. Chief Medina discussed the Hughes Fire Equipment pump repair invoice and asked for board approval. VP Niles made a motion to approve payment for the invoice of the pump repair and Secretary Hudson 2nd the motion. Chief Medina discussed the Renaissance Holdings invoice for materials acquisitions in relation to the administrative building upgrade. Secretary Hudson made a motion to approve the payment of the invoice and VP Niles 2nd the motion.

Board Comments:

Director Kreutzer apologized for not being able to attend the budget meeting.

VP Niles congratulated Chief Smythe on his promotion and appreciates that the strat plan is on the right path.

Secretary Hudson echoed what Kelly Niles stated and thanked the Firefighters for running calls.

President Feige stated he was looking forward to the June budget presentation.

Closed Executive Session

Adjourn: 7:38 pm