

Columbia River Fire & Rescue
Regular Meeting of the Boards of Directors
58677 McNulty Way, St. Helens OR 97051
And Virtual via GoTo Meeting
December 14, 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.

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

Absent: None

Others: Chief Medina, DC Smythe, DC Holsey, DC Mendola, FM Pedersen, Kate Lehner, Jennifer Motherway, Michael Gorsuch

Via GoToMeeting: Gary Hudson, Rick Fletcher, Eric Wonderly

Flag Salute: President Feige led the flag salute

Changes to the agenda: None

Public Comment: Rick Fletcher discussed the changes in policies for the volunteers. Mr. Fletcher requested retrieving his personal belongings from the Goble Station. Mr. Fletcher thanked Mark Kreutzer, Kelly Niles, and Gary Hudson for their time.

Local 3215: None

CRFR Volunteers: Jennifer Motherway stated that everyone involved in Toy n' Joy has done an excellent job. Mark Kreutzer thanked everyone for a job well done.

Correspondence: None

CRFR Consent Agenda: Included in the consent agenda are the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on November 9, 2021, checks 73152-73288 for \$181,264.40 and the financial statement as of October 31, 2021. VP Niles moved to approve. Director McLane 2nd the motion.

There was discussion about checks to CDR Labor Law, Teleflex LLC, and voided checks.

No further discussion. Unanimous vote, motion approved.

Chief Officers Report:

The Chief announced that a new finance manager has been hired and will start January 11th, 2022.

There was discussion regarding the training grounds at S. 9th Street, St. Helens, OR. Chief Medina would like to move forward with plans from last year to lease the space for educational classes and training. VP Niles asked how long CRFR had owned the 9th Street property, Chief Medina replied that it had been since 1989. DC Holsey stated that training had taken place at the site since 2008. There was further discussion to coordinate with ODF on a live burn at the 9th Street site. President Feige, VP Niles, and Chief Medina discussed provisions on the reversion clause.

Chief Medina discussed CRFR's involvement in the Covid mitigation. CRFR received no funds from the county for the mitigation and would like to petition the county to request the funds be distributed. The new Rosenbauer engines go online December 15th. Chief Medina commended Chief Holsey, CRFR Maintenance Department, and Tim Hennigan for getting that process completed. There was discussion regarding the 3 new hires starting and the process involved. The new hires that are EMT's are interested in furthering their education and getting certified as intermediate EMT's. Chief Medina discussed Chief Pricher's request for indemnification from the board regarding an IGA with Cowlitz County and negotiation on behalf of CRFR. President Feige said no. President Feige inquired about the ASA contract and there was discussion about speeding up the process.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Board Comments:

VP Niles: Happy Holidays.

Director Kreutzer: It was great to see the volunteers at Toy n' Joy bagging the gifts. Merry Christmas.

Director McLane: Thank you for everything and keep up the hard work.

President Feige: Happy Holidays

Executive Session: 7:35pm

Adjourn: 9:30pm