

Columbia River Fire & Rescue
Regular Meeting of the Boards of Directors
Virtual via GoTo Meeting
May 11, 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, FD Nelson, DC Smythe, DC Holsey, FM Pedersen, R&R Motherway, BC Gorsuch, BC Coombs, FF Chandler, Lt. Wonderly, FF Culligan, Lt. Haney, FF Conrath, FF Bowe, FF Fletcher, Rayann Coombs

Changes to the agenda: None

Public Comment: None

Local 3215: None

CRFR Volunteers: None

Correspondence: Listing of Facebook posts included in the packet

Battalion Chief Promotions:

Chief Medina explained that Battalion Chiefs are shift commanders and a connection between the administrative and line staff. Battalion Chiefs are integral to the CRFR system. Chief Medina presented Battalion Chief Coombs and Battalion Chief Gorsuch with their helmets and badges. Battalion Chief Cole was unable to attend. Rae Ann Coombs pinned Battalion Chief Coombs. CONGRATULATIONS

CRFR Consent Agenda: Included in the consent agenda are the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on April 13, 2021, Budget Committee meeting on April 30, 2021, checks 72462-72547 for \$520,539.61 and the financial statement as of March 31, 2021. VP Niles moved to approve. Director McLane 2nd the motion.

There were questions regarding the check to Life Assist (Monitors). President Feige asked that the date range for the checks be included in the agenda,

No further discussion. Unanimous vote, motion approved.

Chief Officers Report:

There was discussion regarding the remodel and updates of several stations including Fernhill, Goble, St. Helens living quarters, and LBTC showers. A re-dedication ceremony is scheduled for Fernhill station on May 21st.

Apparatus are being received as was funded in the current year budget including engines, brush rigs and staff vehicles. Next fiscal year the District plans on purchasing medical units.

476 water tender replacement was less than \$80,000. Brush 471 was also replaced. It was recently used on a brush fire on Lewis Rd. Another brush rig, 491, will be built in-house and cost under \$100,000. The life expectancy of the vehicles is 10-15 years.

The Rosenbauer fire engines will be received on Monday, May 17th. In-service date is projected to be July. The District has converted several donation vehicles from the city of Saint Helens to QRU vehicles and command rigs.

Battalion Chief Coombs has announced his retirement on June 30th. The District is looking to fill the position including candidates to acting Lieutenant.

Chief O'Connor is extending his career and will become the Fire Chief at Estacada fire. The DC of Training position will be open for a short time and filled by Chief Medina.

At the Fire Defense Board meeting there was discussion regarding the American Rescue Plan Act Post Pandemic Recovery. Notices regarding the funding came out in January and communication decreased substantially in March. Columbia County is projected to receive approximately \$10 million, with City of St. Helens receiving \$2.8 million. The Fire Defense Board has written a letter to request funds from the local governments. No allocation has been provided for Special Districts. Chief Medina will formulate the draft letter for President Feige to sign.

There was discussion regarding the process for Civil Service Examiner replacement. A process is currently moving forward.

There was a short discussion regarding the process for replacing Division Chief and Battalion Chief positions.

Old Business:

- A. Budget Process Update
 - a. FD Nelson provided an overview of the process completed and the steps required for adopting the budget for next fiscal year.
- B. Miscellaneous
 - a. None

New Business:

- A. 2020-21-009 Surplus Property
 - a. Type 1 Engine 479 which was purchased in 2016 from Bellevue WA, has experienced a pump failure. It is cost prohibitive to fix. Equipment will be stripped, and the engine will be sold or scrapped. It is no longer a viable frontline apparatus.
 - b. Director McLane moved to approve resolution 2020-21-009 Surplus Property. Secretary Hudson 2nd the motion
 - c. No further discussion. Unanimous vote, motion approved.
- B. Bank of the West Account Signers
 - a. With Chief O'Connor resigning, the District bank account needs to be revised. Requesting to remove Ian O'Connor and add Erick Holsey
 - b. Director Kreutzer moved to remove O'Connor as an account signer and add Holsey. VP Niles 2nd the motion.
 - c. No further discussion. Unanimous vote, motion approved.

- C. Miscellaneous
 - a. None

Board Comments:

VP Niles: Likes the direction the District is going. Feels these are positive steps. Congrats to FD Nelson for graduation with Masters.

Director Kreutzer: There is a new DPSST Director. Thank you to DC O'Connor for his years of service. Congrats to FD Nelson.

Secretary Hudson: Congrats to the Battalion Chiefs on their promotions. Congrats to BC Coombs on his upcoming retirement. Congrats to DC O'Connor on his new position.

Director McLane: Congrats to all. Good luck to DC O'Connor. Can't wait to see each other again.

President Feige: Repeats the sentiment of the previous comments.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.