

Columbia River Fire & Rescue
Regular Meeting of the Boards of Directors
58677 McNulty Way, St. Helens OR 97051
And Virtual via GoTo Meeting
July 15, 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 7:02 pm.

Present: Kim McLane, Hans Feige, Gary Hudson, Mark Kreutzer, Kelly Niles (phone 7:19pm)

Absent: None

Others: Chief Medina, FD Nelson, DC Smythe, BC Coombs, R&R Motherway, BC Davis, DC Holsey
Via GoToMeeting: Lt. Schrotzberger

Flag Salute: President Feige led the flag salute

Changes to the agenda: Executive Session per ORS 192.660(2)(h) to consult legal will take place following Board comments.

Public Comment: None

Local 3215: None

CRFR Volunteers: There are volunteers currently at the Columbia County Rodeo providing coverage

Correspondence: Listing of Facebook posts included in the packet, call trend data from 2018-present was included in the Board packet.

CRFR Consent Agenda: Included in the consent agenda are the minutes from the Budget Hearing & Regular Board meeting on June 8, 2021, checks 72640-72769 for \$300,678.05 and the financial statement as of May 31, 2021. Director McLane moved to approve. Secretary Hudson 2nd the motion.

There was discussion about the listing of voided checks (an internal printing problem).

No further discussion. Unanimous vote, motion approved.

The oath of office for Director Niles and Secretary Hudson took place.

Election of Officers: Current officers are Hans Feige, President, Kelly Niles, Vice President and Gary Hudson Secretary/Treasurer. Secretary Hudson moved to retain the current officers for FY 2021-22. Director McLane 2nd the motion. Unanimous vote, motion approved.

Chief Officers Report:

The Chief provided an update on conflagrations and the heat wave the State was experiencing. There was a discussion about hospital diversions due to COVID as well as the current vaccination rate of Columbia County. CRFR is providing vaccine clinics at Rainier Days and Columbia County Fair. There was a brief review of a District organizational chart.

Chief presented retiring BC Coombs with a certificate of appreciation and thanked him for his many years of dedicated service.

Chief presented BC Davis to the Board as BC Coombs' successor. Many thanks for his service to the district.

Chief presented Lt. Schrotzberger as BC Davis' successor. He is easy to work with and he is looking forward to the future.

There was discussion about the topics covered by the Chief as he visited with crews on shift.

The Board asked about the brush unit fix, hiring of vacant positions, issues with Rainier bridge, status update on the Rosenbauer engines and the training of Battalion Chiefs.

Old Business:

- A. Miscellaneous
 - a. None at this time

New Business:

- A. Reappointment of Civil Service Commissioner Graff: 4-year term
 - a. Director Kreutzer moved to reappoint Commissioner Jack Graff to another 4-year term on the Civil Service Commission. Secretary Hudson 2nd motion.
 - b. No further discussion. Unanimous vote, motion approved.
- B. Agenda Item: 2008 Ford Ambulance
 - a. The purchase of the 2008 Ford Ambulance will allow the District to create redundancy immediately while waiting for new ambulance to be built and come to the District in the next year. It serves as a bandaid and keeps the District working.
 - b. Director McLane moved to approve the purchase of a 2008 Ford Ambulance, not to exceed \$28,000. Director Kreutzer 2nd the motion.
 - c. No further discussion. Unanimous vote, motion approved.
- C. Agenda Item: 2021 Dodge Ambulance
 - a. This represents a replacement ambulance and will be brand new. The total build and time to finish will be almost a year. It was budgeted in capital outlay for FY 2021-22.
 - b. Secretary Hudson moved to approve the purchase of a 2021 Dodge Ambulance not to exceed \$225,000. Director Kreutzer 2nd the motion.
 - c. No further discussion. Unanimous vote, motion approved.
- D. Miscellaneous
 - a. New OSHA Heat protocols will be reviewed to understand better how the District should be working and providing training.
 - b. There was discussion regarding the wildfire risk. VP Niles noted that ODF feels like things are going fairly well right now but will get worse and are expected to last through September.

Board Comments:

Director McLane: Congratulations to Lt. Schrotzberger, BC Davis and BC Coombs. Everyone is doing a fantastic job.

Secretary Hudson: Echoes what Director McLane noted, congratulations to all and thank you.

Director Kreutzer: The promotions are excellent choices. He discussed HB 29-27 which would make Oregon State Fire Marshalls office a stand alone office. He is on the Task Force to review that proposal. He asked about SDAO presentations for Board members and would like to register.

VP Niles: Discussed mutual aid partners. Congrats to all promoting and retiring.

President Feige: Echoes the congratulatory sentiments before him

The Board went into Executive Session per ORS 192.660(2)(h) to consult legal at 8:38 pm

The Board came back into regular session at 9:42 pm.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 PM.