

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

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

Absent: None

Others: Chief Medina, FD Nelson, DC Smythe, DC Holsey, DC Mendola, FM Pedersen, Lt. Hennigan, BC Davis, Kyle Melton, Shane Tew, Kate Lehner, Andrew Schlumpberger, Stephen Bowe, Jim Pulito, Gerald Cole

Via GoToMeeting: FF Fletcher, R&R Motherway, Nancy Merlette

Flag Salute: President Feige led the flag salute

Changes to the agenda: None

Public Comment: None

Local 3215: Kyle Melton commented that the arbitration hearing went well.

CRFR Volunteers: None

Correspondence: Rhonda Melton resigned from the budget committee. Her notice is included in the board packet.

CRFR Consent Agenda: Included in the consent agenda are the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on October 12, 2021, checks 73063-73149 for \$218,576.29 and the financial statement as of September 30, 2021. President Feige moved to approve. Director McLane 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

There was discussion about a check to Soft Choice.

No further discussion. Unanimous vote, motion approved.

Chief Officers Report:

The Chief commented on the resignation of Marit Nelson. Thanking her for her years of dedicated service to Columbia River Fire & Rescue. Marit's last day will be Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Moving forward the administrative staff will be working on a smooth transition. Chief Medina introduced the new DC of Training, Jeremy Mendola. There was a discussion regarding Jeremy Mendola and his contribution. The Chief also introduced Kate Lehner as part of the administrative staff. There was a discussion about Kate's assistance with various administrative duties in the coming months.

There was discussion on the new EMS Billing Provider, System Designs West, working through changes, and training. The new engines from Rosenbauer should be going online soon and training has begun. Volunteer services are changing to reflect the needs of the district. EMS make 75-80% of the call volume and there was discussion on a medic unit assigned to volunteers. The Chief thanked all the staff for helping with the EMR training.

Old Business: None

New Business:

A. Civil Service Chief Examiner Appointment

- a. There was discussion about hiring, civil service hiring list, and EMT's & Paramedics in process.
- b. The Chief's discussed 2 candidates recommended by the commission. It needs appointed by the board. Chief Cole recommends Scott Jorgensen. VP Kelly Niles moved to appoint Scott Jorgensen as Civil Service Chief Examiner. Director McLane 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.
- c. No further discussion. Unanimous vote, motion approved.

B. Ventilator Purchase

- a. A proposal for the purchase of 3 Hamilton Ventilators to bring 3 ambulances into compliance was discussed. These are needed for long distance transports to provide high flow oxygen therapy. Total cost for replacement \$71,412.79. Longevity of these units is between 8-10 years. This will bring the total vents to 7 for the fleet.
- b. Secretary Hudson moved to approve, Director McLane 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.
- c. No further discussion. Unanimous vote, motion approved.

C. Miscellaneous

- a. None

Board Comments:

VP Niles: Marit's leaving SOB. Thanks to Marit for all your hard work.

Director Kreutzer: Oregon Fire Service Conference in Ashland was a good conference with a good speaker. Encouraged the Fire Chief's to attend the conference being held in Bend this spring. Kreutzer recommended the stand of cover doc needs updated, would like copy of press releases, and his active 911 is not working. Good luck to Marit.

Secretary Hudson: Thank you to Marit for her efforts and leadership.

Director McLane: Wished Marit the best.

President Feige: Marit thanks for your hard work

Executive Session: 7:44pm

Adjourn: 9:15pm