

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

Absent: Kim McLane

Others: Chief Medina, FD Nelson, DC Smythe, DC Holsey, FM Pedersen, BC Gorsuch, FF Conrath, R&R Motherway, Lt. Wonderly, Lt. Haney, FF Callahan, Lt. Schlumpberger Via GoToMeeting: Jeremy Mendola, FF Fletcher

Flag Salute: President Feige led the flag salute

Changes to the agenda: None

Public Comment: None

Local 3215: None

CRFR Volunteers: The drill on 9/13 was very good. They are excited to see more training and appreciative of the activity by their members and support of the District.

Correspondence: Listing of Facebook posts, note from citizen and DC Smythe commending crews, and labor market information were included in the Board packet.

CRFR Consent Agenda: Included in the consent agenda are the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on July 15, 2021, checks 72770-72974 for \$662,860.30 and the financial statement as of July 31, 2021. VP Niles moved to approve. Director Kreutzer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

There was discussion about checks to Life Assist, Mitchell 1, and Paulson Printing.

No further discussion. Unanimous vote, motion approved.

The Board packet included the draft pre-audit financial statements for FYE 2021. There was a discussion about overages in a few line items. Overall revenue and expenditures in each fund look positive.

Chief Officers Report:

The Chief provided an update on the State COVID vaccination mandate. The District is currently holding shot clinics for the community. The District performed a ceremony commemorating the anniversary of 9/11. It was streamed on Facebook. Members had the opportunity to view one of the new engines this evening. The second engine will arrive on site within the week. Damage was done to an ambulance at the maintenance facility. The District's insurance provider is reviewing the damage to ascertain if the vehicle is totaled or salvageable. Station signs and fire danger signs will be installed

throughout the District at the end of October. The District is interviewing and hiring for vacant positions including Division Chief of Training, Firefighter/Paramedic and Firefighter/EMT. Special thanks to DC candidate Jeremy Mendola for logging in to the meeting this evening.

The board asked questions about the vaccination mandate and the potential loss of volunteers and paid staff. There was discussion about a short term fix to replace an ambulance, mutual aid with other Districts, the cost of changing radios working with CCOM on the issue.

#### Old Business:

- A. Miscellaneous
  - a. None at this time

#### New Business:

- A. Fire Protection Agreements: Longview Timberlands
  - a. There are five agreements to be approved as Weyerhaeuser seeks to obtain forest dwelling permits to eventually sell various plots of land for potential development.
  - b. VP Niles moved to approve District Fire Protection Agreements for tax accounts 17736, 17760, 17776, 17708 and 21926. Director Kreutzer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion
  - c. No further discussion. Unanimous vote, motion approved.
- B. Miscellaneous
  - a. None at this time.

#### Board Comments:

VP Niles: Appreciate all the work everyone continues to put in. Thanks to the District for their assistance on the Alder Creek Rd fire. Everyone is stretched thin. Hats off to them.

Secretary Hudson: Watched the 9/11 ceremony posted to Facebook. It was well done and well received.

Director Kreutzer: An OFDDA Board position became available due to the sudden passing of a member. He has stepped in to help. Is glad that CRFR volunteers, members and ODF were involved in the 9/11 ceremony.

President Feige: Appreciates the hard work. Keep it going.

The Board went into Executive Session per ORS 192.660(2)(h) to consult legal at 7:49 pm

The Board came back into regular session at 8:30 pm.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.