

Columbia River Fire & Rescue
Regular Meeting of the Boards of Directors
58611 McNulty Way, St. Helens OR 97051
And Virtual via Teams Meeting
April 11, 2023, 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, Gary Hudson

Absent: Kelly Niles

Others: FC Medina, DC Sanchez, DC Holsey, DC Smythe, FM Pederson, K. Lehner, J. Lehner
(see attached sheet for additional attendees)

Via Teams Meeting/Phone In: See Attached

Flag Salute: President Feige led the flag salute.

Changes to the agenda: None

Public Comment: Kyle Melton, Aaron Peterson, Patrick Kish, Qantu Curio, Robert Conrath, Rick Fletcher, Aaron Schrotzberger, Staci Ross, Charles Custer, Ron Schlumpberger

Correspondence: None

CRFR Consent Agenda: Included in the consent agenda are the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on March 14, 2023. Chief Sanchez provided an overview of the Cash Flow Analysis and answered questions relating to income and expenses on the cash flow analysis. Chief Sanchez gave an update to the board on the payroll processing, COLA increase, retro pay, and stipend distribution. Director Kreutzer asked about the check copies included in the packet and President Feige clarified that he asked that the check copies be included with the cash flow. Secretary Hudson moved to approve the consent agenda, Director Kreutzer 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion carries.

Chief Officers Report: Chief Medina reported his concerns regarding the district finances when he first started at the organization and effective February 2023, he has met with the County District Attorney to report his concerns. Chief Medina met with the County District Attorney a few more times and the DA opened an investigation into present employees, past employees, and employees' family members. Chief Medina went on to discuss hiring Chief Sanchez as the Division Chief of Finance and Logistics and contracting an accountant to review the current accounting systems. Upon review of the accounting software and bank accounts Chief Sanchez and the accountant reported concerns and the possibility of not making payroll. Chief Medina went on to discuss the elimination of positions in the administrative office and outsourcing EMS billing. He spoke of not filling a position in June when an administrative officer retires. Chief Medina went on to discuss the administration's accomplishing a lot, especially with respect to the new applicants for volunteer firefighter positions. Prescott and Columbia City have shown interest in Fire Stations and CRFR Administrative Staff have provided presentations at the Columbia City Board Meetings. Columbia City has expressed interest in the donation of land for a fire station.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Social Media Analytics report was presented to the board for review. Chief Medina discussed the great work that Pink Buzz Media had performed with the district's social media accounts on a pro bono basis.

Resolution #FY 22-23-16 One-Time release of funds for MERP, Secretary Hudson made a motion to approve Resolution #FY 22-23-16, Director Kreutzer 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion carries 4-0.

Resolution #FY 22-23-29 Paulson Printing, Secretary Hudson made a motion to approve Resolution #FY 22-23-29, Director Kreutzer 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion carries 4-0.

Resolution #FY 22-23-30 HRA/VEBA, Secretary Hudson made a motion to approve Resolution #FY 22-23-30, Director Kreutzer 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion carries 4-0.

Resolution #FY 22-23-31 Architect Robert Evenson, Secretary Hudson made a motion to approve Resolution #FY 22-23-31, Director Kreutzer 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion carries 4-0.

Board Comments:

Director Kreutzer: Thanks to everyone for attending, input was appreciated.

Secretary Hudson: Good to see everyone thank you for attending.

Present Feige: Thanks to everyone for attending there is lots to work on.

Adjourn: 8:28 pm