

Columbia River Fire & Rescue  
Regular Meeting of the Boards of Directors  
106 W B St., Rainier, OR  
And Virtual via Teams Meeting  
October 10, 2024, 6:00 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 Welby at 6:00 pm.

Present: Ryan Welby, Richard Fletcher, Mark Gundersen

Absent: Paul Rice, Austin Zimbrick

Others: Chief Smythe, K. Lehner

Via Teams Meeting/Phone In: 503-438-5703

Flag Salute: President Welby led the flag salute.

Changes to Agenda: None

Public Comment: None

Local 3215 Report: None

Volunteer Report: Chief Smythe recognized the volunteers' work attending the races and football games and mentioned all the preparations for the Toy'n Joy program.

Correspondence: Thank you card from citizen.

CRFR Consent Agenda: Included in the consent agenda are the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on September 12, 2024, the check register for September checks, and the September bank statement. Secretary Fletcher made a motion to approve the consent agenda, and Director Gunderson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor, approved 3-0.

Chief Officers Report: Chief Smythe discussed the district's average call volume running at 570 per month, 1700 per quarter, and is on track for approximately 6800-7000 annually. For this time of the year, there is an increase in flu and fall-related calls. Call volume reporting has been included in the board packet. Chief Smythe assured the board with the lean staff in the administrative office, deadlines are being met, and assistance from the neighboring fire district is helpful for the battalion coverage. An employee on lite duty recovering from an OJI has assisted with district property inventory and policy review. The completed audit for FY 22/23 will be presented at the November board meeting, and auditors will begin FY 23/24 at the beginning of December.

Old Business: None

New Business: The board members reviewed section A board policies 13-17 and requested discussion and approval be tabled until next month's board meeting when all board members are present.

Board Comments:

President Welby: Thanks to everyone for their progress, teamwork, and communication. I am proud of the organization and proud to be the president.

Director Gundersen: Thank you to everyone for all their hard work.

Adjourn: 6:17 pm