

Columbia River Fire & Rescue
Regular Meeting of the Boards of Directors
58611 McNulty Way, St. Helens OR 97051
And Virtual via Teams Meeting
May 09, 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, Kelly Niles

Absent: Kim McLane

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

Via Teams Meeting/Phone In: (see attached sheet for attendees)

Flag Salute: President Feige led the flag salute.

Changes to the agenda: Add closed executive session ORS 192.660 (2)(i)

Closed Executive Session:

Real Property Transactions ORS 192.660 (2) (e)

Legal Counsel ORS 192.660 (2)(f)

Performance Evaluation of Public Officers and Employees ORS 192.660(2)(i)

Public Comment: Chuck Custer, David Parshall, Ronda Melton, Sherri Bradley, Rick Fletcher, Aaron Schrotzberger.

Correspondence: None

CRFR Consent Agenda: Included in the consent agenda are the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on April 11, 2023. Chief Sanchez answered questions relating to income and expenses on the cash flow analysis. Secretary Hudson moved to approve the consent agenda, Director Kreutzer 2nd the motion, VP Niles abstained from the vote as he was absent from the April Meeting. Three in favor, motion carries.

Chief Officers Report: Chief Medina discussed updating the strategic plan as everything in year one has been accomplished. He went on to discuss the 4 new paramedics that have gone through the hiring process and have been given conditional job offers. There are 2 additional paramedics interviewing later that week. Volunteer applications have been submitted, and Chief Smythe is putting together a training plan. Chief Medina discussed the budget committee and the resolution under new business to add another committee member after 2 people dropped out. The budget meetings will be posted on the website and announced in the paper. Meetings were held with each division to discuss budgetary needs; Chief Sanchez has compiled a forecast for revenue, and CPA has reviewed. VP Niles inquired about the Strat plan, and Chief Medina said the final version would be presented at the June board meeting. VP Niles also asked about meeting with stakeholders, and Chief Medina said that would take place after the budget meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business: VP Niles added an inquiry about LOSAP and asked about the status and if a payment had been made. Chief Sanchez stated that no payment had been made to the account, but he could not further elaborate due to the ongoing investigation.

Resolution #FY 22-23-33 Adoption of Budget Committee Member Mark Chism, VP Niles made a motion to approve Resolution #FY 22-23-33, Secretary Hudson 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion carries 4-0. Secretary

Hudson wanted it noted that he was not wild about family members of staff being on the budget committee compared to past practices.

Resolution #FY 22-23-34 Adoption of Lease of 1936 Howe Fire Engine, Secretary Hudson made a motion to approve Resolution #FY 22-23-34, VP Niles 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion carries 4-0.

Resolution #FY 22-23-35 Adoption of permission to submit bid at auction, Secretary Hudson made a motion to approve Resolution #FY 22-23-35, Director Kreutzer 2nd the motion, VP Niles nay, motion carries 3-1. Director Kreutzer asked about funding, and if this was in the budget, Chief Medina said that it was a line item in the 23-24 budget. President Feige asked if there was a vehicle they were looking at currently and they said no. VP Niles commented that bidding on used vehicles was like a used car situation and buying someone else's troubles and didn't think the district had the finances to afford to bid on auction vehicles. Chief Medina discussed this would be outlined in the Strat plan.

VP Niles made a motion to put Chief Medina on administrative leave pending current investigations. There was not a 2nd and motion died.

Board Comments:

Director Kreutzer: Attended last board meeting of public safety standards and training. He has been involved for 6 years. Fire policy council meeting the end of the month and he learned a lot. Thanks to the public for input.

VP Niles: No comment

Secretary Hudson: Acknowledged awards given to Chief Gorsuch, Chief Greisen, and Chief Pricher.

Secretary Hudson spoke about the comments made in the media about his character. He spoke about lawsuits, contract issues, and allegations against the chief. Secretary Hudson said that 100% of 40% of the story or the best 50% of the story is only half of the story. That citizens need to be patient, and it's going to be hard to do, but all these things are in process. That the board is acting in everyone's best interest. At the end of his term, he will have been in public service for over 20 years, and he's not in it for the money or prestige.

Present Feige: No comment

Adjourn: 8:17 pm

Attendance 05/09/2023			
CRFR Board of Directors Meeting			
Phone IN/Teams Meeting			
Steven Raichel	Robert Conrath		
Dustin King	Dan		
Brennan Guiles	Anon		
Jeremy Mendola	Toren Anderson		
Patrick Kish	Ethan Pearson		
Benjamin Uhl	SD		
Ryan Denfeld	15034772955		
Eric Wonderly	A		
Cory Mackay	grady		
Benjamin Davis	K Schmitt		
Christopher Culligan	Sd		
Kyle Melton	Aaron Peterson		
Tim Hennigan	15416636770		
JBBP and Associates	15035629148		
EMC	Victor Haney (Guest)		
Patsy	James		
Tyler	Ray Downey		
#NoConfidence	19718089989		
K	JB		
Angela Barbouletos	15037996564		
Brandon Booth - SRFD	Jan Low		
Jamie Booth			
Guest			
K Schmitt			
MC			
Lisa Strolis			
Angela			
Craig Granger			
TL			
255 499 416 932			
Jacob Bringman			
Misty Holsey			
Red Skelton			
Toren Anderson			
Amrak			
fjblk			
C. D. Granger			
jeremy r.			
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Joe			
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MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

	May Board of Directors Meeting	Meeting Date:	05/09/2023
		Place/Room:	CCOM

Name		Email	
Sherrri Bradley			
Ronda Medina			
Chuck Custer			
Tamera thorn			
Jennifer King			
Lisa King			
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C. E. [Signature]			
Jared Bradley			
JEFF Loggitzer			
Z. [Signature]			
Aaron Schrotzberger			
A. Zimbrick			
Kristen Zimbrick			
Rich Fletcher			
Doug Brady			
Greg Loveall			
Matthew Loveall			

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