

Columbia River Fire & Rescue
Regular Meeting of the Boards of Directors
58611 McNulty Way, Saint Helens, OR
April 09, 2026, 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: Austin Zimbrick (phone in), Mark Gundersen, Ryan Welby, Paul Rice (phone in)

Absent: Richard Fletcher

Others: Chief Smythe, K. Lehner, Alex Bilton, Hunter Johnson, BC Wonderly, Lt. King, T. Anderson, L. Strolis, C. Bilton, M. Preston, I. Gonzalez, T. Finley, C. Chism, Bilton Family/Friends, Johnson Family/Friends

Via Teams Meeting/Phone In: S. Raichel

Flag Salute: President Welby

Recognition: Alex Bilton and Hunter Johnson, 12-month probation completion and badge pinning

Changes to Agenda: None

Public Comment: None

Local 3215 Report: None

Volunteer Report: None

Correspondence: None

CRFR Consent Agenda: Included in the consent agenda are the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on March 12th, the March check register, the budget-to-actual, and the March bank statement. Director Gundersen made a motion to approve the consent agenda, and Director Rice seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Chief Officers Report: Chief Smythe discussed the detailed reporting provided in the board packet that goes over the call volume in detail. He spoke of the graduation of the 2 firefighters, staffing updates with upcoming vacancies, and interviews scheduled to bring on more firefighters. President Welby inquired about the status of the LBTC fire damage, and Chief Smythe stated he would have more information at the May meeting. Chief Smythe confirmed the date/time of the budget and board meeting taking place on May 21st, with the budget meeting starting at 5 pm. The board meeting needed to be rescheduled due to the Chief Officers' attendance at a conference.

Old Business: None

New Business: Resolution FY 2025-26-08 2008 Pierce Saber Repair. Director Gundersen made a motion to approve resolution FY 2025-26-08. Director Rice 2nd the motion. All in favor, 4-0.

Board Comments:

Director Gundersen: Congrats to firefighters

President Welby: Congrats to firefighters on completing probationary period.

VP Zimbrick: Congrats

Director Rice: Congrats

Adjourn: 6:22 pm