

Columbia River Fire & Rescue  
Regular Meeting of the Boards of Directors  
305 West 3rd, Rainer, OR  
March 12, 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 Secretary Fletcher at 6:00 pm.

Present: Austin Zimbrick (phone in), Richard Fletcher, Mark Gundersen, Ryan Welby (online), Paul Rice

Absent: None

Others: Chief Smythe, K. Lehner, Alex Bubar

Via Teams Meeting/Phone In: S. Raichel, K. Melton

Flag Salute: Secretary Fletcher

Changes to Agenda: Add Closed Exec. Session (Legal Counsel)

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 February 12<sup>th</sup>, the February check register, the budget-to-actual, and the February bank statement. Director Gundersen made a motion to approve the consent agenda, and VP Zimbrick seconded the motion. All were in favor, Director Rice abstained due to his absence, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Chief Officers Report: Chief Smythe discussed the new reporting to be included in the board packet each month. The reporting will be more detailed with statistics included. He discussed the new tablet command program with the iPads that were rolled out 2 weeks ago. It allows tracking of crews, fires, and apparatus in real time and adds to fire reports.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Closed Executive Session; 6:10 pm: Labor Negotiator Consultations ORS 192.660(2)(d); Legal Counsel ORS 192.660(2)(h), out of closed session at 6:21pm.

Board Comments:

Director Gundersen: Thank you to Local 3215 and for the new reports

President Welby: Good Job

VP Zimbrick: Thanks for the reports

Director Rice: Really like the reports

Secretary Fletcher: Thanks for the reports, disappointed in the rumors he heard from the board retreat meeting.

Adjourn: 6:24 pm