

Columbia River Fire & Rescue
Regular Meeting of the Boards of Directors
58611 McNulty Way, St. Helens, OR 97051
March 13, 2025, 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, Paul Rice, Austin Zimbrick

Absent: None

Others: Chief Smythe, K. Lehner, E. Wonderly, A. Schrotzberger, D. King, M. Croft, J. Lockhart, Families & Friends of the firefighters receiving promotions, employees of C shift

Via Teams Meeting/Phone In: M. Stanton, S. Raichel

Flag Salute: President Welby led the salute

Promotional Ceremony: Lt. Aaron Schrotzberger and Lt. Eric Wonderly were promoted to Battalion Chiefs Firefighters Jeff Lockhart, Michelle Croft, and Dustin King were promoted to the Rank of Lieutenant.

Changes to Agenda: None

Public Comment: None

Local 3215 Report: Lt. King reported on the upcoming academy that crews will participate in.

Volunteer Report: Chief Smythe reported on volunteer participation and stepping up to respond to calls.

Correspondence: None

CRFR Consent Agenda: Included in the consent agenda are the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on February 13, 2025, the check register for February checks, budget v. actual, and the February bank statement. VP Zimbrick made a motion to approve the consent agenda, and Director Gundersen seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion was approved 5-0, with no further discussion.

Chief Officers Report: Chief Smythe discussed call volume and staff response, with an average of 6600 calls this year. The budget calendar has been distributed to the board members, and union negotiations are scheduled to begin at the start of April. Chief Smythe, BC Wonderly, and BC Schrotzberger met with one of the assisted care facilities to provide an educational opportunity for staff members regarding calls that the fire department responds to at their facility.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Board Comments:

VP Zimbrick: Shout out to the volunteers in Rainier. Thanks to everyone.

Director Gundersen: Happy to be here, and thanks to everyone.

Secretary Fletcher: Congrats to everyone on their promotions.

President Welby: A 180-degree shift in meetings from when he first took his seat on the board. There were many smiles in the crowd at the meeting this evening.

Closed Executive Session: Labor Negotiator Consultations ORS 192.660(2)(d)

Adjourn: 7:04 pm