

Columbia River Fire & Rescue
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
305 W 3rd St., Rainier, OR 97048
July 09, 2026, 6:00 pm

Regular Meeting: After due and legal notice, Director Gundersen called the Regular Board meeting of the Columbia River Fire & Rescue Board of Directors to order at 6:00 pm.

Present: Mark Gundersen, Paul Rice, Richard Fletcher

Absent: Ryan Welby

Others: Chief Smythe, K. Lehner

Via Teams Meeting/Phone In: Austin Zimbrick

Flag Salute: Director Gundersen

Changes to Agenda: None

Public Comment: None

Local 3215 Report: None

Volunteer Report: None

Correspondence: None

CRFR Consent Agenda: The consent agenda includes the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on June 11th, the June check register, the budget-to-actual, and the June bank statement. Secretary Fletcher moved to approve the consent agenda, and Director Rice seconded. All were in favor, and the motion was approved 4-0.

Chief Officer's Report: Chief Smythe discussed the detailed reporting in the board packet, including call volume. He confirmed the new ambulance going into service this week and the single-role EMS new hires being onboarded.

Old Business: None

New Business: The board discussed reassigning the president and vice president roles. Secretary Fletcher moved to nominate Director Gundersen for president; Director Rice seconded the motion; all in favor, 4-0. Director Gundersen moved to nominate Director Rice for Vice President; Secretary Fletcher seconded the motion; all in favor, 4-0.

The board discussed the meeting locations and time of day for FY 2026-27. Director Rice moved to change the meeting time to 5 pm and move the Saint Helens location to the CRFR Administration Building. The meetings will continue to alternate between Rainier and Saint Helens every other month. Secretary Fletcher 2nd the motion; all in favor 4-0.

Resolution FY 2026-27-01 (Fire Chief PERS Pick-Up). Director Rice moved to approve resolution FY 2026-27-01. Secretary Fletcher 2nd the motion. All in favor, 4-0.

Board Comments:

VP Zimbrick: Would like staffing reports

Director Rice: Appreciate finalizing responsibilities, where the organization is financially, and everyone is doing well.

Adjourn: 6:18 pm