

Columbia River Fire & Rescue  
Regular Meeting of the Boards of Directors  
58611 McNulty Way, St. Helens, OR  
And Virtual via Teams Meeting  
December 12, 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 Vice President Welby at 7:00 pm.

Present: Richard Fletcher, Ryan Welby, Austin Zimbrick, Mark Gunderson (7:45pm)

Absent: Kelly Niles

Others: DC Sanchez, DC Smythe, FM Pederson, K. Lehner, M. Chandler, A. Schrotzberger, A. Schlumpberger, D. King, J. Pulito, DC Cole, M. Kreuzer, Mrs. Pederson, B. Uhl

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

Flag Salute: VP Welby led the flag salute.

Changes to Agenda: Resolutions were removed from the agenda, and meeting date/time discussion was added to new business. Secretary Fletcher made motion to add to new business and Director Zimbrick 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, 3-0 approved.

Public Comment: Suzie Dahl and Mike De Roia

Local 3215 Report: President Schrotzberger stated the meetings that have been taking place with the administration have been productive. Aaron Schrotzberger spoke of his stepping down from Union President position and Dustin King taking his place.

Volunteer Report: Chief Smythe reported that the volunteers were working the Toy n Joy event, so they could not attend.

Correspondence: None

CRFR Consent Agenda: Included in the consent agenda are the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on November 14, 2023, the check register for November checks, and the November bank statement. Secretary Fletcher made a motion to approve the consent agenda, and Director Zimbrick 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor, approved 3-0. There was a discussion regarding checks to Nixon Peabody, Wolfe Consulting, and Canon Financial.

Chief Officers Report: Chief Smythe reported on the meetings that have been taking place with the union regarding the arbitrators' decision. The conversations have been productive, and the labor attorney will give an update in closed session.

Old Business: None

New Business: RFP Legal – Chief Smythe requested the RFP be tabled for 6 months while we work with our current legal advisors, who are familiar with what is going on in the district. He requested we revisit in the next budget year. There was further discussion regarding posting the RFP for an extended period of 90 days starting in January. Director Zimbrick made a motion to post the Legal RFP for 90 days beginning in January and Secretary Fletcher 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor, 3-0.

Chief Smythe discussed board meeting times/locations and the possibility of changing for the year. Not all the board members were in attendance, so the discussion was tabled until next month when everyone would have input.

Closed Executive Session: Real Property Transactions ORS 192.660 (2)(e), Labor Negotiator Consultations ORS 192.660(2)(d)

Board Comments:

Secretary Fletcher: Good meeting

Director Zimbrick: Thanks to volunteers for working the toy n joy event. Thanks to Chief Smythe and the union for communicating.

VP Welby: Thanks to the line staff for their perseverance and patience.

Adjourn: 8:14 pm