

Columbia River Fire & Rescue  
Regular Meeting of the Boards of Directors  
106 W. B Street, Rainier, OR 97048  
And Virtual via Teams Meeting  
August 08, 2024, 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, DC Cole, DC Sanchez, K. Lehner, J. Pulito, S. Barry, G. Loveall, J. Griffin, L. Reeves, C. Taylor

Via Teams Meeting/Phone In: Eric Wonderly, Will Lohre

Flag Salute: President Welby led the flag salute.

Changes to Agenda: Move SDAO review to 2<sup>nd</sup> item under new business.

Public Comment: None

Local 3215 Report: Jim Pulito was present and thanked the administration for the continued communication and relationship building.

Volunteer Report: Chief Smythe thanked the volunteers for their commitment and participation in the county-wide events.

Correspondence: Thank you from Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD

CRFR Consent Agenda: Included in the consent agenda are the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on July 11, 2024, the check register for July checks, and the July bank statement. President Welby made a motion to approve the consent agenda, and VP Zimbrick 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor, approved 5-0. There was a discussion regarding checks to Mitchell1 and Quality Signs.

Chief Officers Report: Chief Smythe discussed the positive direction the communication and relationships with the union is going. He went on to thank DC Cole and DC Sanchez for their due diligence in overseeing the district spending and EMS revenue reporting. He anticipates that it will not be necessary to draw funds, but INRoads Credit Union has been contacted in case a line of credit is needed in case of an emergency. Chief Smythe recognized Local 3215, the Volunteer Association, and the board of directors for their help in getting us to this position. DC Cole gave an update on the ASA and supplying the county with an RFP before the end of August. DC Cole discussed the Medicare reporting project that will occupy some time over the next few months and the new hires that have started. DC Sanchez gave an overview of the status of the current audit.

Old Business: None

New Business: Liani Reeves and Christine Taylor from Miller Nash LLP made introductions and briefly discussed their backgrounds concerning legal services their firm will be able to provide to the district. Jeff Griffin provided the board with posters to supply each fire station regarding the district's mission, vision, and values. The board and Chief Smythe will review and complete any final touches before the posters are printed and available to distribute to each location. The board reviewed Section A 5-8 board policies; Director Rice made a motion to adopt and approve board policies section A 5-8 with no changes; Director Gundersen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor 5-0.

Board Comments:

President Welby: Thank you to the legal team, Jeff Griffin, administration, and local 3215 for attending the meeting.

Director Gundersen: Thank you to everyone for the teamwork.

Director Rice: Provided an introduction and recognition to Steve Barry. Thank you to the firefighters who responded to his Stepfather's home when he passed away. He appreciated the staff he met at the Rainier Fire Station during the Rainier Days.

Secretary Fletcher: Thanks to the union, legal team, Mr. Barry, and staff.

Chief Smythe recognized William Goodwin and thanked him for his help on a recent car accident.

Adjourn: 6:51 pm