

Columbia River Fire & Rescue
Regular Meeting of the Boards of Directors
106 W B. St., Rainier, OR 97048
And Virtual via Teams Meeting
April 16, 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 VP Welby at 6:00 pm.

Present: Ryan Welby, Richard Fletcher, Mark Gundersen, Austin Zimbrick

Absent: None

Others: Interim Chief Smythe, DC Cole, D. King, K. Lehner, Aaron Pederson

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

Flag Salute: VP Welby led the flag salute.

Changes to Agenda: None

Public Comment: None

Local 3215 Report: Dustin King spoke of the MOA that will be presented under new business and it passing by the majority of the union. Mr. King spoke of the turnover with staffing and the line staff putting in the hours to make sure calls are answered. There were questions regarding the staffing numbers currently and Chief Smythe clarified there are 25 line staff members.

Volunteer Report: Chief Smythe spoke of the live fire event taking place on April 20th. There will be a BBQ at the end of the event and the board was encouraged to attend.

Correspondence: None

CRFR Consent Agenda: Included in the consent agenda are the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on March 19, 2024, the check register for March checks, cash flow, and the March bank statement. Secretary Fletcher made a motion to approve the consent agenda, and Director Zimbrick 2nd the motion, all in favor, approved 4-0. There was a discussion regarding a check to Landmark Ford, Wolfe Consulting, and Walter E Nelson.

Chief Officers Report: Chief Smythe discussed the vacancy for the board of directors seat and the advertisements that have been posted. Chief Cole gave an update on the Civil Service and interviews for open positions. Single-role applications have been reviewed, and interview dates have been scheduled for May 2nd. Chief Smythe reminded the board that the live fire will begin at 6 a.m. on April 20th, with a barbecue and meeting afterward if they would like to attend. Chief Smythe and Mr. King are continuing to work on the Lexipol policies that should be rolled out in the next few weeks. Chief Gorsuch provided a summary of projects he's overseeing that Chief Smythe briefed the board on including, blue card (officer based classes). He went on to discuss the MOA that will be presented under new business and the collaboration with Local 3215 to find a solution to meet the needs of the community.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Resolution FY-23-24-12 Authorizing BMO Check Signers, Director Zimbrick made a motion to appoint VP Welby and Director Gunderson as additional check signers on the BMO checking account and to accept Resolution FY-23-24-12, Secretary Fletcher 2nd the motion, all in favor, approved 4-0.

Memorandum of Agreement (Backpay and Staffing) Secretary Fletcher made a motion to accept the MOA for backpay and staffing, Director Gundersen 2nd the motion, all in favor 4-0.

Memorandum of Agreement (Single Role EMT PayScale) Director Zimbrick made a motion to accept the MOA for Single Role EMT PayScale, Director Gundersen 2nd the motion, all in favor, 4-0.

18:36 Closed Executive Session: Employment of Public Officers, Employees, & Agents ORS 192.660(2)(a)

Board Comments:

Secretary Fletcher: No comment

Director Zimbrick: Sympathy for Chief Coombs family and friends

VP Welby: Good meeting thanks for vendor list

Director Gundersen: No comment

Adjourn: 19:00