

Columbia River Fire & Rescue
Regular Meeting of the Boards of Directors
58611 McNulty Way, St. Helens OR 97051
And Virtual via GoTo Meeting
June 14, 2022, 7:30 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 Feige at 7:30 pm.

Present: Hans Feige, Mark Kreutzer, Kelly Niles, Gary Hudson, Kim McLane

Absent: None

Others: Chief Medina, DC Holsey, DC Mendola, DC Smythe, Jennifer Motherway, BC Cole, Kate Lehner, FM Pederson

Via Teams Meeting: James Pulito, Steven Raichel, Jimmy Sanchez, Eric Throusler, Michelle Croft, Stephen Bowe, Robert Conrad, Aaron Peterson, James Christianson, Rick Fletcher

Flag Salute: President Feige led the flag salute

Changes to the agenda: Executive session added

Public Comment: Rick Fletcher

Correspondence: None

CRFR Consent Agenda: Included in the consent agenda are the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on May 10, 2022. Financial statement and checks to approve. Secretary Hudson moved to approve. VP Niles 2nd the motion. Kim McLane wanted it noted that her absence from the last board meeting was due to IT issues.

Chief Officers Report: Chief Medina gave updates on hiring new personnel, interview processes, and advertising. Chief Medina went on to discuss the ASA agreement and GEMT funds. Chief Holsey spoke of his concerns on the ASA agreement and his meeting with county commissioner McGruder. VP Niles inquired about hiring another public healthcare associate. Chief Medina discussed other revenue streams and introduced Chad Marsh with Wakefield and Associates. FM Pederson spoke of the fire prevention program for fire investigators. FM Pederson wanted to acknowledge FF Pulito for his contribution he made to the Fire Investigator Principles and Practice NFPA 921 & 1033 publication.

Old Business: None

New Business: Chad Marsh with Wakefield and Associates did a presentation regarding their debt collection services for EMS companies. Chad spoke of the size of their organization and how it is structured. They have 6 locations across Colorado, Wyoming, Missouri, Tennessee, and New Jersey. Chad spoke of clients such as TVFR, Metro West, Bend/Redmond Fire Departments and that they are the largest prehospital collection company. Chief Holsey spoke of Mr. Marsh's involvement in EMS supplies and how he came highly recommended from FF Lockhart. BC Cole spoke of his relationship with Chad Marsh and his recommendations.

Board Comments:

Director Kreutzer inquired if the budget needed to be passed that evening. Director Kreutzer spoke of the fallen firefighter's memorial and that 4 new names have been added.

VP Niles commented that dates needed to be confirmed on budget completion. VP Niles thanked Mark for going to the memorial and thanked everyone for the work done on the budget. He stated that it was a tough season and appreciated everyone sharing in the leadership and responsibilities.

Secretary Hudson said that a special meeting would need to be scheduled to approve the budget.

Director McLane congratulated Chief Smythe on his promotion and thanked everyone for their hard work.

President Feige stated the budget could not be approved until corrections were made and scheduled a 2nd meeting for June 28th.

Closed Executive Session

Adjourn: 8:50 pm