

Columbia River Fire & Rescue  
Regular Meeting of the Boards of Directors  
58677 McNulty Way, St. Helens OR 97051  
And Virtual via GoTo Meeting  
March 8, 2022, 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 President Feige at 7:00 pm.

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

Absent: None

Others: Chief Medina, DC Holsey, DC Mendola, DC Smythe, FM Pedersen, Jennifer Motherway, Kate Lehner, Jeramy Lehner, Britta Schinske, BC Gorsuch, Stephen Bowe and Family, Victor Haney and Family, Lisa Strolis and Family, Lt. Wonderly, FF Goering, FF Conrath, FF Chandler, EMS Raichel, FF Curio, FF Marting, EMS Hulsopple

Via GoToMeeting: Tim Hennigan, Trip, AJ, Rick Fletcher, RC,

Flag Salute: President Feige led the flag salute

Badge Pining Ceremony for FF Stephen Bowe, Lt. Victor Haney, Paramedic Lisa Strolis

Changes to the agenda: None

Public Comment: Goto Meeting Message from Rick Fletcher regarding parking at training grounds.

Correspondence: Letter and donation from Lorene Nowling on behalf of her son Michael. Smythe spoke of the CERT member and drafting a letter thanking his family for the donation. Email from Ken Neal regarding RV parking at Deer Island station. There was discussion regarding Chief Medinas RV parked at the Deer Island station. President Feige suggested they research the legalities surrounding parking the RV at the station and review at the next board meeting.

CRFR Consent Agenda: Included in the consent agenda are the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on February 8, 2022. Financial statement and checks to approve. Director McLane moved to approve. Secretary Hudson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion after edits to the meeting minutes are completed.

Discussion to edit board meeting minutes, VP Niles asked about Southside Bank, Director Kruetzer asked about Visa and MERP. Unanimous vote, motion approved.

Chief Medina introduced Captain/EVT Technician Jeramy Lehner. Mr. Lehner presented a power point demonstration regarding the new ambulance for consideration at Arrow Manufacturing in Iowa. The new unit is a 2022 Dodge Ram 4500. The power point covered photos of the new unit along with photos of the CRFR unit that was totaled in the accident. Mr. Lehner obtained 5 references from fire districts with Arrow Ambulances and all 5 references had nothing but positive things to say. Director Kreutzer inquired about the out-of-pocket cost for the ambulance and when it would be in service. Mr. Lehner discussed the criteria required from SDAO stating that the district has received \$150,000 from SDAO so far. The total cost for the ambulance is \$239,900.00 and it would arrive by March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022. VP Niles moved to approve the purchase of the ambulance. Director Kreutzer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Unanimous vote, motion approved.

Chief Medina introduced Chief Holsey to go over the equipment that was damaged in the accident. Chief Holsey presented reports outlining items that were a total loss in the accident. It was estimated that around \$160,000 worth of equipment was damaged in the accident. Director McLane inquired about the electronics in the ambulance and how much SDAO would cover for the equipment. Chief Medina commented that SDAO was projected to cover between \$100,000-\$150,000. VP Niles moved to approve \$133,000 for replacement of medical equipment in the ambulance. Secretary Hudson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, unanimous vote, motion approved. Director Kruetzer inquired about the staff members that were in the accident. Chief Medina reported that the 2 employees are doing fine. Chief Holsey discussed the Stryker power loaders and went over the schematics. He discussed the contract for purchase of the equipment and options. Secretary Hudson moved to approve the purchase of 4 Stryker power loaders on a 5 year contract at 0% interest. VP Niles 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, unanimous vote, motion approved.

Chief Officers Report: Chief Medina discussed the administrative staff and how everyone is working well together. He's very appreciative of everyone in the department and commends their hard work, effective communication, and participation. Chief Medina discussed how we are all stronger because of who we are as a group.

Director McLane inquired about the EMS reporting from Systems Design West and local insurance companies.

Old Business: None

New Business: Fire Protection agreement for Terry Brier. Secretary Hudson moved to approve the fire protection agreement. Director McLane 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Unanimous vote, motion approved. Secretary Hudson moved to approve the annexation agreement for Terry Brier. Director McLane 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Unanimous vote, motion approved.

Board Comments:

Director McLane: Read about the accident with the CRFR ambulance and hopes everyone is ok. Everyone is doing a good job and thank you to fleet maintenance for the presentation.

Director Kruetzer: Inquired as to why the department did not issue a press release for the ambulance involved in the accident. He discussed the local newspaper misprinting information on the accident.

Secretary Hudson: Appreciates everyone's hard work especially when he stopped at the live fire and saw all the hard work Chief Mendola was doing. He enjoys stopping into the admin office to see everyone.

VP Niles: Glad to hear the staff in the accident are o.k. and thank you to Scappoose Fire Dept. for the prompt response and hard work.

President Feige: The organization is where it needs to be with response and speed.

Executive Session: 8:45 pm

The board approved an increase of \$15,000 annually for Chief Medinas benefit package.

Adjourn: 9:50 pm