

Columbia River Fire and Rescue
270 Columbia Blvd, St. Helens Oregon 97051
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
January 9, 2018 7:00 pm

President Feige called the regular meeting to order for the Columbia River Fire and Rescue Board of Directors on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the CRF&R Administration Building.

Members present: President H Feige, K Niles, G Hudson, R Schlumpberger and M Kreutzer

Others in attendance: Chief Greisen, DC Marks, DC Coombs, DC Smythe, FF Schrotzberger, Rick Fletcher, VC Motherway, Kim McLane, and Jeff Griffin from WHA Insurance Agency.

Flag Salute – President Feige led the flag salute

Changes to Agenda – President Feige added I.S.O., Mid-Year Budget Review, and SDAO Conference and moved the Annual Insurance Update to the beginning of the agenda.

Public Comments – None

Local #3215 – Aaron Schrotzberger - no report.

CRF&R Volunteer Firefighters Association – Rick Fletcher reported that December was busy with Toy n Joy which served about 350 families this year, and Holiday Hope served 102 families. Breakfast with Santa had 81 people fewer than last year due to personnel on the fires in California.

Correspondence - Reviewed correspondence provided

Committee Reports – Reviewed the minutes from the Safety committee meeting. President Feige reported that the Management team met this evening and discussed agenda items.

Annual Insurance Update – Mr. Griffin from Wilson-Heirgood handed out a booklet on the Columbia River Fire & Rescue insurance summary for January 1, 2018 to January 1, 2019. He explained the increase in values on District facilities and apparatus. Some rates increased and others decreased. Next year we will see an increase due to the disasters in the US. Longevity credit will return to the District as there was an issue with the quote that now has been fixed. Director Schlumpberger asked about cost savings for higher deductibles on property. Mr. Griffin will provide rates for higher deductibles.

CRFR has a great workers compensation rate of 0.71; anything less than 1.0 for the fire service is a good number. Mr. Griffin reminded the board that OSHA Form 300 must be posted by January 31st. The concerns for firefighters now are cancer and heart attacks as it is more dangerous now than it was even 15-20 years ago because more plastics are being used in structures. The board asked if it is possible to send out the written insurance summary at least a week before the meeting so it can be reviewed in advance and more questions can be asked.

Consent Agenda: Director Hudson moved to approve the consent agenda and was seconded by Director Niles. There were questions on three checks. Two were for Scappoose Fire District: check #67936 for \$50.00 and check #68020 for \$8,099.02, and one was for Melvin Moore for approximately

\$1,000. Chief Greisen will research the three checks and e-mail the board Members. There was no further discussion.

The motion to approve the consent agenda passed unanimously

(Chief emailed the board on 01/10/2018: Check #67936 to Scappoose Fire District for \$50.00 was reimbursement for a Fire Med application. Check #68020 to Scappoose Fire District for \$8,099.02 paid Columbia River's share of the Fire Chief. The check for about \$1,000 to Melvin Moore was reimbursement for over-payment on an ambulance bill.)

Old Business

DC Coombs reported that the EMS-only application deadline was yesterday and we received about 14 applications with half EMT and half Paramedic certifications. We will start the interviews soon.

DC Smythe reported that the Civil Service Commission established a new Firefighter/Paramedic list so that we can now hold interviews. Clatskanie has one position and CRF&R has 2 positions.

DC Smythe reported that the ISO press release has been sent out to the media. The board members said that the ISO is good news for the District and that citizens need to know about it so they can notify their insurance carrier.

New Business:

Chief Greisen discussed the need to purchase the second ambulance as budgeted. We met our goal of receiving \$775,000 in EMS revenue by January 2018 which we did one month earlier. Director Kreutzer made a motion to approve the purchase of an ambulance from Braun Northwest and associated equipment for up to \$180,000. Second by Director Schlumpberger.

The motion to purchase a second ambulance passed unanimously

President Feige brought up the Mid-Year Budget Review and stated that notes should be included in the minutes. There was a general discussion on revenue and expenses along with tax revenue which all look good and on track.

Chief Greisen reminded the board that the Special Districts Association of Oregon Conference is February 8-11, 2018 in Seaside.

Chiefs' comments

Chief Greisen reviewed his report to the board. He will meet with the Spotlight tomorrow as they would like to know more about the EMS-only personnel program.

EMS – DC Coombs handed out ambulance service area response times for 2017. CRF&R response time is set at 8 minutes. Columbia County requires ambulance service areas to meet their response times 90% of the time. CRF&R did 94.8%-97.2% in the St. Helens area and 93.5% - 98.6% in the Rainier area.

Training - DC Marks reported that training for the Spring volunteer academy is starting and we have about 8 volunteers in the academy.

Operations – DC Smythe discussed his report and said we will have information on the California fire at the next board meeting.

Board Members' Comments

Director Kreutzer reported that he will attend the SDAO conference. He has a timeshare so if someone is looking for a room, let him know. Everyone was busy with Toy N Joy and the Merchants Auction.

Director Schlumpberger – No comments

Director Hudson asked questions about the OMIC project in Scappoose and if the tooling companies are really coming to Scappoose. Chief Greisen said that the OMIC project is still in the works and it will take time to get everything lined up before it happens.

Director Niles discussed mobilization and the need to list lessons learned. A fire is a fire and something is learned each time. The county can learn from these mobilizations. We need to look at our District future planning as a lot is going on and it will not be going away.

President Feige would like to get the board policies and strategic plan in the drop boxes.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm