

Seal Rock Rural Fire Protection District

Regular Monthly Board Meeting – March 16, 2023

Call to Order: 1700 hrs/5:00 pm

Roll Call: All directors in attendance. A quorum was met.

Others: Chief Ewing, Lisa Welch, Lynda Engle, Mac MacAdoo, Jeremy Garbina, Seth Hedin

Guest Input: None

Agenda: Previous month's minutes and this agenda were approved by the Board with an added item of 5.5 to vote to accept the audit of 2021.

REPORTS:

3.1 Motion to transfer \$53,213.00 from General Local Gov't Investment Pool account to General Bank Account to pay bills/payroll. Motion made by Director Rimola and 2nd by Director Smith. Passed unanimous.

Director Rimola discussed the transition from Columbia Bank to First Security. It was evidently a bigger hassle than he'd counted on so he intends to send a letter to that effect to the bank outlining the time involved in changing routing numbers, etc. Rimola stated that our revenue stream is looking good.

3.2 Chief Ewing began his report with a discussion of the fatality accident which happened in our District the day before. SR had 9 responders on that accident and we had help from COCFR, Yachats, PWA and Yachats ambulance plus Life Flight and the law enforcement agencies.

During the past month, we had 2 structure fires, both out of our District. A water rescue in Alsea Bay resulted in CPR being performed on a woman who made a full recovery and we received a phone call afterwards thanking us for helping save her mother.

Today we have 2 paramedics, 7 EMT's and 9 EMRs. Eight volunteers are to FF1 level training.

Joe Munger has been promoted to Captain. He has completed his Fire Officer 1 and Instructor 1. He has also been tasked with being the training officer.

3.3 Volunteer Assoc. Report: Mac said they've cleaned out Bldg B and it's ready for further use.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 The septic system repair is proceeding and we are waiting for permits at this point. We are attempting to locate our two septic tanks in Seal Rock and Bayshore, we think both Seal Rock septic systems are under the asphalt parking lot. We received an estimate from Aboveboard Electric for \$2,340 to do the wiring involved. Director Pelligrinelli offered to run the wire at Station 62 to help save some money on the project since it's going to be surface mounted outside.

4.2 OSHA update, looks like we will receive a citation for a few issues but no financial impact.

4.3 Lynda provided a sample draft of the newsletter that she hopes can be mailed out next month. A folding machine was found in the back room and will be tested to see if it works, if not than Paul will be checking into bulk mailing fees from a couple of places that offer that service.

NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Chief Ewing talked about an offer he's aware of from Vale Oregon fire dept who is offering a 1998 Engine he could get for \$6500. He sees this as necessary in order to have 3 engines after E64 returns to East County. It is a more contemporary engine and they have said they will hold it for us until we make a decision. Chief discussed the specs of the truck and it was decided to send 2 FF to look it over in person and for Chief to observe via a zoom call while they are there.

Motion was made by Director Pelligrinelli to authorize the purchase contingent on Will putting eyes on it and was satisfied with its condition upon inspection and configuration. 2nd by D. Burt. Passed unanimously. Monies for this will be from the reserve fund.

5.2 Chief Ewing explained about the possibility of getting a Type 6 engine through the federal excess property program (FEPP) if he can find one that meets our needs. It would be on loan and would be required to stay in our District but would free up our R62 to be sent out for ODF fires and earn us some revenue. It was asked that Chief Ewing inspect the vehicle himself before hand.

Motion was made by Dave to authorize spending not in excess of \$4000 for the purchase within the next 6 months, after which it would be renegotiated again. 2nd by Mike, passed unanimously.

5.3 A grant is available for seismic retrofitting of Stn 62 and Chief will be meeting the rep there soon to discuss whether that station is a candidate for it. Supposedly there is no cost to us.

5.4 A discussion of the Chief's levy to be voted on May 16. In working on the budget, Chief is planning to put all the expenses into the general fun. The levy is NOT an increase, it's a continuation of what we passed previously. Paul will write it up as Chief didn't feel it was appropriate (self-serving) for him to do it.

5.5 Motion made by Director Smith to accept audit report from 2021. 2nd by Paul Rimola. Passed unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Director Smith was curious about who covers the N half of the Alsea Bridge since COCF covers from the middle of the bridge to the South end approach and SRF's district ends at the N end before entering onto the bridge. The question was raised as to if we should request having that N end be annexed into our District. It seems to be a "no man's land", but it was decided not to pursue it at this time.

A brief discussion regarding if we were ever to join Districts with other South Co Districts that we maintain our autonomy. We want to keep our focus on Seal Rock.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

ADJOURNMENT: 6:48