

Seal Rock Rural Fire Protection District

Regular Monthly Board Meeting – February 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, Ben Spangler, Emily Clark

Guest Input: None

Agenda: Previous month's minutes and this agenda were approved by the Board.

REPORTS:

3.1 Motion to transfer \$62,241.00 from General Local Gov't Investment Pool account to General Bank Account to pay bills/payroll. Motion made by Director Smith and 2nd by Director Kowalski. Passed unanimous.

Director Rimola discussed both the Treasurer's and Accountant's report. The Chief's levy and Audit were also discussed by the Board.

Resolution 2023-2 to approve renewal of the fire chief's levy at .20 cents per thousand, to start July 2024, passed unanimously.

Director Smith commented that there was no beginning balance on the report sheet and it was explained that it can't be done on Quickbooks. The report sheets were inherited from the previous accountant so we will never have a beginning balance to work from. Smith would like to see future reports be more clear and not all over the place. Chief Ewing or Tom (acct) will get newer form for us in a spreadsheet format.

Director Rimola stated that switching banks begins happening this month (Feb.) and is taking care of seeing that it is a smooth transition. Office staff is helping with contacting vendors, etc.

3.2 Chief Ewing gave a run report for January. He reported that there were 2 paid ff who have left in January; one which didn't work out and the other one gave his

resignation due to his friendship with the other FF who was no longer working here. Three members have completed their EMR through Rapid Rescue FF1 academy. One member is in the EMT class being held through OCCC in Lincoln City. SRFD currently has 2 paramedics, 7 EMTs and 6 EMRs active in the District. There are 8 volunteers at FF1 level training. There were a total of 40 runs in January.

We had a structure fire on N Beaver Creek, a barn/shop that required help from Central Coast, Yachats and Newport fire. No injuries! No calls went unanswered or were missed in our District in January.

Chief reported that because of more engine and truck trouble that we have overspent the vehicle repair budget and will now be deferring future needs until the next fiscal year, which is 4 mos away.

The Chief is addressing the septic sewage issue at the Bayshore station after complaints were made to the Lincoln Co Waste Management and DEQ. We are cooperating in resolving this issue by putting in a new system which will require some maintenance but not require future weekly pumping. It is being seen as a "repair" by the county. More info under "new business".

Chief stated he will get a physical this year.

The FIT testing equipment we rented from Seawestern was not working properly so we still have not been able to complete fit testing on everyone. Chief intends to purchase one so we can do real-time testing for both fire and EMS requirements as well as making everyone OSHA compliant.

3.3 Volunteer Assoc. Report: The group of volunteers are currently accepting bids on the ski-jet equipment and held a "yard sale" to get rid of other equipment. The next meeting will be held Feb 23 to allow more bids to come in.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Director Pelligrinelli explained that the first newsletter is shooting for distribution in April. Copies of a sample were distributed to the Directors. Office staff member Lynda Engle is taking the lead on putting the newsletter together and all suggestions or ideas are to go directly to her.

4.2 Both Lynda and Lisa attended the SDAO Conference held in Sunriver Feb 9-12th. Lisa gave a quick report of some of the classes they attended and felt it was very worthwhile to have attended.

NEW BUSINESS

5.1 The Chief provided further information relating to the repair of the septic system at Bayshore Stn. He has gotten an estimate from Howry Industries for \$21,200.00 to do the job. Director Burt said he'd like to get a few more estimates from other companies before committing to Howry just to make sure they're in the ballpark. Director Pelligrinelli said he had a conflict of interest and would be abstaining on the vote to move ahead with the project.

RESOLUTION 2023-1 for an emergency repair of the Bayshore Stn was voted on. Skip Smith made the motion to pass; Paul Rimola 2nd. There were 4 yeas and 1 abstained. Directors Rimola, Burt, Kowalski & Smith voted YEA; Pelligrinelli abstained.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Director Rimola pointed out the POW/MIA flag we are now flying at Building C along with the US flag. It was provided by Viet Nam veteran, Richard Berg, who is offering them for free to the fire districts and others. Volunteer and Nam veteran, Paul Highfill, accepted the flag and the photo will be posted on the website.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:48