

SEAL ROCK RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Director's Regular Monthly Meeting

September 15, 2022

10349 NW Rand St ~ Seal Rock, Oregon 97376

Call to Order 5:00 pm

Directors in Attendance: Skip Smith – Position 2

Mike Burt - Secretary

Paul Rimola - Treasurer

Dave Pelligrinelli Vice Chair

Karl Kowalski - President

Roll Call: All Directors in attendance. A quorum is met.

Guests: Jordan Essoe (Yachats News) , Larry Silverthorn, Lisa Welch, Lynda Engle, Chief Ewing, FF Joe Munger, John Stotts.

Approval of Minutes: August 18, 2022 minutes were approved.

Agenda Approval: Approved

Guest Input: None

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report by Paul Rimola

Motion to transfer \$46,238.00 from LGIP fund into General fund to pay bills/payroll made by Director Rimola. Passed unanimously.

- Director Rimola went over the expenditures and financial report from Tom Wilson Accounting. The fee for WVCC Dispatch needs to be discussed in the near future, it seems high for what SRFD is getting. And an A/R amount from 3 years ago needs to be investigated. It's unknown for sure if it's possibly back taxes, a mistake or what. The amount has not been going down. This amount is only reflected in the QuickBooks program.
- Rimola provided a written chronological summation of the history of the IGA with Central Coast Fire, mostly provided for the newest member of the Board and the media present. Although the IGA is dead and over we still work with COCFD through the mutual aid agreement. The only automatic aid in place is what all fire districts work

under when it involves a structure fire or MVAs. Chief Ewing stated he foresees a combined fire district for South County at some time in the future for the 3 districts.

Chief's Report by Will Ewing

Chief Ewing provided a record of the August runs for the District. A handout was given to all in attendance showing the year-to-date progress of the past year. SRFD currently has 19 volunteers and a rotating staff of 9 paid firefighters, one full time.

- The current EMR class will take their written test on Sept 22 and then they are good to respond to medical calls. Most of them are now in the firefighter 1 class that started the end of August.
- The emergency supplies from Bldg B have¹ been moved up into Bldg C and the ham radio equipment from the back room will probably also be moved there for use in a natural disaster. Bldg C (green building) is out of the tsunami zone according to the maps.

Volunteer Assoc Report by Hank Lopez (via phone in)

- Hank expressed that he is very happy to see the number of volunteers growing under this Chief and Board and how great the 9/11 picnic was last Sunday. Great morale again.
- There will be a "kick-off" meeting for the Association on October 15 with a Board elected.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Website update by Lisa. Launch date on Sept 23rd. It will no longer include burn permits but will continue to have the board minutes, financials, burn information and ability to contact individual board members through email routed through the office, along with a new look and additional features yet to be decided.

5.2 Chief shared that a new phone system will be going into the SR office soon, with a phone in Bayshore station also.

5.3 LOSAP funds will basically end the end of April 2023. Volunteer Association is looking for ways to extend it and there is \$10,000 in the budget for them. Chief Ewing threw out the idea of a "yard sale" which could include the jet skis and abundance of extra stuff from Bldg B and those proceeds go into their funds.

NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Chief Ewing talked about the potential equipment needs: involved replacing with new vs used trucks and the possibility of putting an old box onto a new chaise for R62, which is primarily used on calls. Chief asked if it was OK to pursue the costs of that “slip-on” for the Dodge truck. Also, there is a current need for turn-outs which can range from \$3-4000 a set plus the cost of helmets.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Director Smith: He was hugely impressed with the turnout and upbeat crowd at the Sept 11 picnic. In his many years of attending such events he said none had been better in his opinion. Smith asked if any of the Board were aware of the Nov 2-5 OFDDA conference being held in Hood River this year. None were aware of it, but Skip has attended them in the past and encouraged them to attend for great training and networking. Following this discussion Director Smith handed out his “wish list” for both the Board, Chief and Administration staff.

From Director Mike Burt; brief discussion about when Agenda and Board minutes are to be ready and whether emailed out or picked up in the office boxes or wait and have ready on the night of the meeting. Agenda’s will be ready and emailed out the Monday before the meeting, agreed Lynda. Board packets will be placed on the table for each director the night of the meeting. Minutes from the meeting will be finished up and emailed out either the day after the meeting or the following Monday unless there are interruptions preventing this schedule.

Good of the Order

Adjournment: 6:55

Minutes respectfully submitted by L Engle²

² Revision 1 9-16-22