

Seal Rock Rural Fire Protection District

Board of Director's Special Meeting

When: March 3, 2022 5:00pm / 1700 hrs

Where: 10349 NW Rand St. Seal Rock, Oregon 97376

CALL TO ORDER: 5:00 PM

ROLL CALL: All Directors present except Director Tina Fritz, who resigned as of March 2nd.

OTHERS PRESENT: Lynda Engle, Lisa Welch, Matt Brock, Quinton Smith, Derek Udoutch

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Chief's Hiring: Director Burt opened the conversation with the question of what the new Chief's salary would be and what the budget allows for. Salary pays \$66,000 plus PERS and other benefits. Mike suggested that Director Smith write up the ad for it.

Director Rimola added that in light of the time involved, issues being dealt with, and necessary steps to be taken in hiring a new Chief that he wanted to make a motion to ask Board President, Karl Kowalski, to approach interim Chief, Will Ewing, to find out if he would be interested in a 2-year contract for a paid position as the Seal Rock Fire Chief. The results of that conversation are to be brought to the next Board meeting.

An amendment was added to the motion by Director Burt, wanting to confirm if Interim Chief Ewing's wants the hiring process to follow routine procedure. Director Smith asked about how Interim Chief Ewing's record may impact his position with the District. Rimola had a copy of the victim impact statement (which he did not read) but said explained the circumstances and basically exonerated the charges against Interim Chief Ewing. Rimola said the trolls online social media need to just shut their mouths.

The motion and amendment were voted on and passed unanimously.

- MOU with COCFD: Since meeting with 2 of the COCFD Board and discussing the comments made at the Jan 6th Board Meeting, three of their Board have apologized for the comments made at their meeting. The IGA agreement is now being referred to as the MOU with 5 additional points added to it. A discussion with input from firefighter, Derek Udoutch, helping to explain how the mutual aid, automatic aid and IGA worked from their

operational standpoint. It was decided that the 2 Board members will continue to meet with COCFD's 2 Board members to work on the agreement between the two Districts.

- Board Position open: A public notice will run until 3-31-22 with applications for the position to be reviewed and voted on at the 4/7/22 Special Meeting and the person to be sworn in at the 4/17/22 regular meeting.

COMMENTS: Captain Udoutch commented that the low salary SRFD pays for a Chief could be a deterrent for finding a good candidate.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:53