

Seal Rock Fire District

Board of Director's Regular Meeting

May 19, 2022 5:00pm

10349 NW Rand St ~ Seal Rock, Oregon 97376

<https://sealrockfire.com>

CALL TO ORDER 5:00pm

DIRECTORS:

Karl Kowalski – President	Skip Smith-VP
Mike Burt – Secretary	Paul Rimola – Treasurer
Dave Pelligrinelli - Position 2	

ROLL CALL: All directors in attendance. A quorum was met.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Will Ewing, Lynda Engle, Lisa Welch, FF Derek Udoutch, Larry Silverthorn

ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: April minutes were approved and accepted.

GUEST INPUT: None

APPROVE AGENDA: Agenda was approved. Beachcomber Days to be added under New Business.

REPORTS: Treasurer Paul Rimola announced that next month Accountant Tom Wilson will be able to attend the Board Meeting. A motion to transfer \$44,384.00 from the LGIP account into the General Fund for paying bills and payroll was made by Rimola. It was unanimously approved. Rimola went through several pages of documentation for clarification of past and current budget issues to bring new Board member, Dave Pelligrinelli, up to speed. It was decided that the new yearly calendar will have the audit due date added to it.

Chief's Report: Chief Ewing gave a run report for April which showed half as many runs that we had in March. He explained this is mostly due to the agreement he and Chief Mason from COCFD to only give aid to each other when necessary, saving fuel for both districts.

- EMR training will begin on June 1 and go for about 8 weeks.
- Pacific West Ambulance won the ASA for ambulance service in our county against AMR.

- SRFD will be borrowing an Engine from East County to have as reserve capacity and it will be housed in Seal Rock proper- Bldg. C. Should be here by end of the month and be available for next 2 years.
- Engine 62 is giving us problems and has been in for repairs but still is showing error codes. We are working with Lincoln County fleet maintenance to repair.
- Chief Ewing provided a draft of the 2021 budget

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Board Policy amendments...After a second reading, a motion was made by Director Smith and seconded by Director Pelligrinelli and unanimously approved. The changes will be done by office staff.

5.2 Audit: Chief Ewing provided a 4-page summary of the FYE 2021 audit to demonstrate why there is a negative balance in the firefighter's fund.

5.3 Green Building (also known as Building C) there is nothing to report

5.4 Virtual Meeting....Bobby Riggs from Quick Computer in South Beach will be helping to get us online via YouTube streaming after July 1st.

5.5 The "new" Engine to be housed in Seal Rock will become part of a new IGA (190 agreement) with East County. The IGA between COCFD and Seal Rock is still suspended and deadline is still August 31st.

5.6 Budget Committee....four of the five citizens needed for the committee are committed, 2 new and 2 experienced individuals. The meeting will be next week, May 26th. A notice of the Budget hearing will be posted in the newspaper.

5.7 suspension continued.

5.8 Resolution 2022-2 to transfer \$120,000 from General Fund into the Firefighter's Fund was approved unanimously. Motion by Skip Smith with a second by Paul Rimola.

NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 Director Smith would like to see at least one volunteer attend the Board Meetings to offer input. It was announced that volunteer Hank Lopez will be returning from CA and intends to resurrect the Volunteer Association.

6.2 There will be an amendment in the Policy book for use of the Command vehicle by the Fire Chief or others in command. Motion was made by Director Smith and seconded by Director Pelligrinelli to adopt the amendment. This will be kept on the agenda for next month to be discussed further.

6.3 Fire Chief Evaluation...Chief wishes to have a public evaluation rather than private for full transparency. The 3-month evaluation will be at the end of next month's Board Meeting.

The Chief wishes to have input from everyone he works with. He will be graded on a number of things: his record keeping, state of the apparatus, relationships he's formed, etc.

6.4 Beachcomber Days (added to the agenda)...Seal Rock has already signed up to have one rig in the parade on June 18th. Director Smith would like to see lots of SR participation both with vehicles and volunteers, staff, families, etc.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Director Kowalski brought up the LOSAP acct and with the help of Larry Silverthorn explained the origin and history of the account. Right now, as is, the funding for quarterly checks for vested fire volunteers will expire in April 2023, approx.. A previous Board chose to quit funding it in April 2018. It was suggested that we look for another way to honor those volunteers with 10+ yrs of activity with SRFD. Chief Ewing believes that it is NOT an incentive to attract new volunteers any longer, that it was a "boomer" thing. This topic will carry forward to next month also.

Director Pelligrinelli reviewed some ideas for consideration:

- Role of the Board
- Publicity
- Legal Compliance
- Proactive feedback from the Fire Chief

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Larry Silverthorn asked that agenda items for next month include the hydrants, water rescue equipment, volunteers to help and the IGA.

Good of the Order.....stay and have some carrot cake!

Adjournment at 8:06 PM