

Seal Rock Rural Fire Protection District

Regular Monthly Board Meeting – January 19, 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, Peter Carlich, Becky Kowalski, Mac MacAdoo, Jeremy Garbina, Ben Spangler, Emily Clark, Lyle Beard

Guest Input: Peter Carlich from Tidewater addressed the Board with his proposal of the 3 South County fire districts consolidating. This is an idea that has been brought up many times but never gains ground, a board member stated. Carlich's idea is to form a committee made up of 4 tax paying individuals from each fire district (Seal Rock, Waldport & Yachats) Carlich stated he felt it would benefit all of the Fire Districts and save everyone money. Peter provided his contact information for future discussions.

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

An explanation for having canceled December 2022's Board Meeting was given by President Kowalski.

REPORTS:

3.1 Motion to transfer \$41,614.00 from General Local Gov't Investment Pool account to General Bank Account to pay bills/payroll. Motion made by Paul Rimola and 2nd by Director Smith. Passed unanimous. **December 2022 transfer of \$92,222 was ratified and was accepted unanimously.**

3.2 Chief Ewing gave a run report for September - December 2022. 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. A new EMR course has begun with 4 of SRFD volunteers attending. A discussion concerning the Dodge flatbed truck and what to do with it as far as selling it. There are options for selling it. Repairs have been made on Building C and a new propane tank installed. The station recently had a visit from OSHA and we are correcting a few things at 61.

Chief proposed an idea of ordering much needed sets of turnouts and since it takes months to receive them it could be paid out of the next budget. He also suggested purchasing the Fit Test equipping for SRFD rather than waiting each time to get on the list for testing. Maybe this could be a grant purchase?

The 2022 audit will be completed by end of this January.

3.3 Volunteer Assoc. Report: A pumper class currently in Toledo is being attended, 2 volunteers have completed FF1 class and another is close to completing EMT course. The official name for the Assoc is South Lincoln Emergency Responders.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Director Smith brought up his desire for an annual Chief's report which would be ready by March, April or May of 2024. He will send an example for the Chief.

4.2 Smith's addition to the Chief's job description about submitting an annual report to the board beginning in 2024 was approved.

4.3 LOSAP Director Rimola said the fund is out of funds and checks with a letter explaining how this came about will be mailed out to recipients.

Motion to terminate and remaining small amount to go into the Vol Assoc fund was made by Rimola and 2nd by Pelligrinelli. Passed unanimously.

Columbia Bank is being bought out and will be renamed to Pacific Security.

NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Some additions and changes to the calendar. Yearly audit will begin being gathered in Nov to be completed by end of December. Move the Dec Plan Review to April as part of the Chief's report. Feb 4th is first day to register for re-election of all directors except Paul. Election is in May.

5.2 A handout from Director Smith showing comparisons with other fire districts for District Values and rates. He proposed making our pay rates more competitive with other Districts in order to attract and retain employees. Next month he would like a report on levies for SRFD and revisit this topic.

5.3 Director Smith was granted permission to conduct a review this fiscal year as he did last year of the District records system as part of the Chief's review.

