

Seal Rock Rural Fire Protection District
Monthly Regular Board Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2021, 6:30 PM, Seal Rock Fire Main Station
10349 NW Rand St, Seal Rock, OR 97376

Meeting called to order by Board Chair Fritz at 18:30 hours.

Roll Call of Directors:

All Directors Present, Anton (Al), Joll (Dustin), Rimola (Paul), Burt (Mike), Fritz (Tina).

SRFD Staff Present: Fire Chief Tom Sakaris, John Townley.

Others present: CCF&R staff. Fire District Residents and general public.

Approval of previous meeting minutes:

Chair Fritz asked if all Directors had read the minutes of the previous meeting (June 10 2021) and the special meeting minutes (June 29 2021).

Chair Fritz asked if there were any changes. Directors Fritz and Joll stated they had read the minutes and no changes were submitted. New Directors Anton, Rimola and Burt stated they could not acknowledge accuracy of the minutes and abstained. Fritz and Joll approved the minutes.

Volunteer Awards:

Chair Fritz recognized previous Director Dave Oliver and volunteer Keith Barnes with award plaques for service. Keith Barnes talked about District(s) unification.

New Directors-Oath of Office:

Anton, Rimola and Burt were sworn in as new Directors by Chair (Fritz). SDAO packets distributed and Fritz advised of SDAO seminars available.

Director Rimola stated that the Officer positions should be filled at this time:

Fritz nominated Rimola for the Treasurer position, 2nd by Anton. Unanimous approval by Board.

Fritz nominated Burt for Secretary position, 2nd by Rimola. Unanimous approval by Board.

Rimola nominated Joll for Vice Chair position, 2nd by Anton. Unanimous approval by Board.

Rimola nominated Anton for Chair position, 2nd by Burt.

Joll nominated Fritz for Chair position.

3 votes for Anton. Majority decision by Board for Anton as President.

Financial report:

Financial officer Tom Wilson reviewed financial statements with Directors.

Tom said the statements reflect end of fiscal year June 30 2021.

Chair Anton asked Tom if we approve the bills from last month.

Chair asked for a **motion** to approve the financials. Dustin made a motion to approve the financials.

Rimola said he could not put a stamp on something he just received 5 minutes ago. The statements should have been approved at the special meeting at the end of last month. Rimola chose to abstain.

Rimola said this needs to be discussed with lawyers.

Chair said there is a **motion** on the floor to pay the bills. Fritz 2nd. Unanimous approval by the board.

Chair asked for a **motion** to transfer \$56K to pay the bills. Joll so moved, Fritz 2nd. Unanimous approval by the Board.

Public Letters:

Fritz explained ISO ratings.

Labor contracts. Anton and Fritz will represent the Board on discussions with the union.

Fritz talked about the four firefighters requirements.

Anton confirmed we are under the contract currently.

Anton asked to table the Levy discussions. There is time to discuss it before the November Elections.

Public Comments:

Chair said he wanted to talk about public comments now. Anton said if the public wants to speak they can speak. Rimola said I don't think 3 minute limit is appropriate. Fritz said 3 minutes is enough time and it should be during the public comments period. Anton said OK to comments during the public comments period.

Rimola made a **motion**; "There is no time limit. The Chair will decide the time limit. 10 minutes is OK. I want to hear them". 2nd by Burt. Anton, Rimola and Burt Aye, Fritz nay, Joll abstained. Motion passed.

Chief's Update:

Attached.

Communications:

Chief Mason (CCF&R) reported on training progress. Also, explained water restrictions.

Mickie Lindquist (CAC) reported on CAC status including lack of membership. Anton, Rimola, Burt and Joll want the CAC to continue. Discussion on ways to improve and increase membership.

Old Business:

Fritz reviewed August 14th Open House.

New Business:

Chair said that (elections) was taken care of earlier.

Public Comments:

Paul Highfill talked about SRFD history on fire hydrant maintenance. He also talked about the Post Office(s) closing.

Larry Silverthorn talked about suspension from future Board Meetings. Director Rimola interjected his observations during the incident. Rimola also called a time out on arguments between Silverthorn and Fritz on this suspension issue. Silverthorn also confirmed fire hydrant maintenance deficiencies.

Jeshia Bucher said he represents the Firefighters Union. He said he appreciated working with the previous Board and looks forward to working with the new Board.

Chief Mason explained the new rules from ISO on fire hydrant inspections.

Mickey Lindquist commented on challenges of the paid staff with respect to the ability to live in the District. Primarily due to cost of home ownership or rentals in the District.

Point of Order:

Chair Anton said he would like to schedule a special meeting to "iron this stuff out". Meeting scheduled for Wednesday July 14 2021 at 1:00 PM.

Board Comments:

Director Rimola asked to see Chief and Firefighter contracts. Rimola also reviewed fire hydrant deficiencies and the MOU (Memorandum Of Understanding) with SRWD. He asked that the Board adopt a policy to deal with disruptive people at Board meetings. Rimola read recommendations from The League Of Oregon Cities and suggested that report be adopted.

Director Burt confirmed the incident details between the previous Board and Larry Silverthorn. Burt also reviewed his commitment to the taxpayers. He said in his campaign he told the voters he would get the volunteer back up and running. He also campaigned on no tax increases.

Director Fritz commented on the workshop being beneficial to address the current issues.

Director Joll mentioned the need for better communications.

Director Anton elected to reserve his comments for the special meeting.

Board Chair Anton called for Meeting adjournment at 20:22 hours