

ROGUE RIVER RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 1
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR SESSION
December 11, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:29a.m. by President Randy Cort. The following directors were also present: John Foster, John Ellis, Jim Stearns and Craig Berry. Also in attendance were Mike Hammond, Jenna Kurzyniec, Jeni Darr, Lane Augustson, Kaci Carder and Cliff Bigham.

Roll Call:

John Foster, John Ellis, Randy Cort, Jim Stearns and Craig Berry present.

Good of the Order:

- Craig Berry voiced concern about the harassment policy not applying to board members.

Public Hearing: Civil Service Rules and recommended changes from Chief Hammond and the Union were discussed. Jim Stearns made a motion to close the public meeting, Craig Berry 2nd. Craig Berry made a motion to take the recommended changes to the Civil Service Rules and forward them to the Civil Service Commission to finalize, John Ellis 2nd.

Minutes:

All minutes were reviewed. John Ellis made a motion to accept the minutes, Jim Stearns 2nd.

BOD Regular Session minutes – November 13, 2024 – Voice vote; all in favor, opposed- none.

Safety Meeting minutes of November 12, 2024. Voice vote; In favor 4 members, opposed 1 member, Craig Berry – opposed safety minutes, because of discrimination of a sitting board member for not letting him attend the safety meetings.

Finance Report:

The monthly financial reports were reviewed. Sale of property, update on fuel system, sale of brush truck and grant funds were discussed. Chief Hammond mentions adding new line-items for grant monies from the WCRI grant. Board members requests staff to contact auditor on the correct process of adding new line items. Jim Stearns made a motion to accept the reports as presented, John Ellis 2nd, Roll call vote resulted in: John Foster- yes, John Ellis-yes, Randy Cort-yes, Jim Stearns-yes, Craig Berry-yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

- Wards Creek Restoration Initiative (WCRI) update was given. Chief Hammond to attend mandatory training on December 12th in Salem with Nikki Murphy.
- Chief Hammond requests funds to contribute the grant writing process for the upcoming CWDG grant writing. Craig Berry made a motion for the district to provide \$5,000 for the WCRI to write the CWDG grant with the intention that the \$5,000 will be backfilled with the money WCRP will be returning to us in the near future, John Ellis 2nd. Roll Call result in; John Foster-No, Jim Stearns-Yes, Randy Cort-Yes, John Ellis-Yes, Craig Berry-Yes.

New Business:

- FireMed for members and employees was discussed. Members would like to adjust the bylaws to show that they receiving firmed as compensation. Chief Hammond suggests putting a clause that the district will provide FireMed/Mercy Flights to Board of Directors and employees. Chief Hammond will bring the discussion to the Union. Jim Stearns suggests staff to reach out Oregon Ethics Commission regarding the matter. Action to be taken at the next meeting.
- Chief Hammond recommends the district adopt the Oregon State Fire Marshals defensible space standards. John Ellis made a motion to accept OSFM standards, Jim Stearns 2nd. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Comments:

Chief Hammond presented his monthly Chief's report. Chief Hammond attended the workshop for the districts ASA application and will attend the Public Hearing December 18th. He also gave an update on Larry Wills plaque, Board Meeting videos on the district's website, fire extension senate bill 1068 and annexing other areas. Informed board members of the upcoming 2025 SDAO conference.

Monthly Reports:

Monthly reports were reviewed. John Ellis made a motion to accept the monthly reports as presented, Jim Stearns 2nd, all in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

Cliff Bigham voiced concerns of the WCRI being taken care of by the Fire District and not the City of Rogue River.

Items After Agenda was Posted:

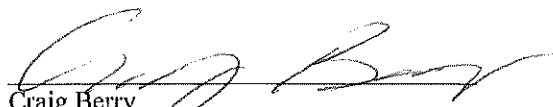
Chief Hammond informed the board of two donations received by local patrons in the amount of \$500 for crews and \$10,000 to be spent on equipment. Board members agreed to leave it up to Chief Hammonds discretion on where to spend the money from the donations.

Future Agenda Items:

Job Descriptions

Jim Stearns moved to adjourn the meeting, John Foster 2nd, motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:57am.

Jenna Kurzyniec
Clerk to the Board



Craig Berry
Secretary/Treasurer - Board of Directors