

ROGUE RIVER RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 1
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR SESSION
November 13, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:30a.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, Andrew Dekorte, Tom Reynolds and Niki Murphy.

Roll Call:

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

Good of the Order:

- Niki Murphy presented an update to the Board of Directors on the WCRI (Wards Creek Restoration Initiative). The district was awarded the \$75,000 CWRR (Community Wildfire Risk Reduction) grant. Niki presented and discussed a detailed plan of phase 1 to the board. John Foster voiced concerns of long-term blackberry management. Niki discussed that the upcoming CDWG (Community Wildfire Defense Grant), if awarded, will help with the long-term management. Randy Cort had concerns of creating restrictive rules or laws that would burden the homeowners.
- Chief Hammond asks Board of Directors to use the funds received back from the CWRR grant to go toward applying for the upcoming CDWG grant. Funding of the CDWG grant was tabled and Niki will provide update at the next meeting.
- Craig Berry voiced his concerns of past harassment and bullying by current board President. Stating things are going to transpire and will be more vocal outside of the body. Concerns of board members having private meetings with Fire Chief behind closed doors. Organization review items and assignments was discussed.
- John Ellis updated the Board of Directors on a few key items from the conference members attended.
 - Concerns of an Oregon Ethics violation on the district gifting the board members Firemed memberships. Talked about possibly using the Members \$50 payments to buy Firemed or in lieu of payment. Item tabled for further discussion.
 - Minutes; board members to use verbiage of "accepting of minutes" instead of "approval of minutes". Board members agreed to have the video minutes of meetings posted on our district's website along with written, after approval.
 - Agenda; discussed adding more detail to explain what will be gone over in the meetings, also adding public comment back on agenda.
 - Discussion of SB 1068 that allows opportunity for the fire district to extend the level of protection boundary line 7 road miles from the fire station and the possibility of annexing the area into our District.

Public Hearing: Civil Service Rule adoption tabled until next Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, December 11, 2024.

Minutes:

BOD Regular Session minutes – October 9, 2024 and Safety Meeting minutes of October 8, 2024. All minutes were reviewed. Jim Stearns made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, John Ellis 2nd. 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. Craig Berry brought up concerns on having the annual roof maintenance not being done prior to the rainy season. Chief Hammond stated roof maintenance is done annually. John Ellis made a motion to accept the reports as presented, Jim Stearns 2nd, Roll call vote resulted in: John Ellis-yes, Randy Cort-yes, Jim Stearns-yes, Craig Berry-yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

- Standard of Cover was discussed. John Ellis made a motion to accept the Standard of Cover with the document to reflect our legal name throughout, Jim Stearns 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

- Jim Stearns suggests the district purchase a memorial plaque to honor member Larry Wills for his service to the district over the years. Jim Stearns made a motion to purchase a memorial plaque for Larry Wills, John Foster 2nd. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Comments:

Chief Hammond updated board on the remount of chassis. Jim Stearns drove the apparatus to Iowa to begin the process of the remount and is anticipated to be complete in the first quarter of 2025. The district's ASA renewal application is complete and submitted to the

County. Chief Hammond will be attending the upcoming workshop in December. Chief Hammond informed the Directors of our newest employee. Board members encourage new employee to attend an upcoming board meeting. Chief Hammond gave a brief update on the new fuel system.

Monthly Reports:

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

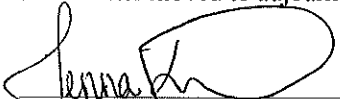
Items After Agenda was Posted:

John Ellis made a motion to accept the award of the CWRR grant, Craig Berry 2nd. Roll call vote resulted in. John Foster-yes, John Ellis-yes, Randy Cort-yes, Jim Stearns-yes, Craig Berry-Yes. Motion passed unanimously.

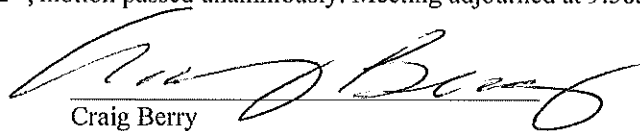
Future Agenda Items:

Public hearing for updated Civil Service Rules
Board Members – FireMed Memberships
Fire Protection Boundary

John Foster moved to adjourn the meeting, Craig Berry 2nd, motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:58am.



Jenna Kurzyniec
Clerk to the Board



Craig Berry
Secretary/Treasurer - Board of Directors