

CENTRAL OREGON COAST FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP

AUGUST 13, 2024

1. Call to Order. The workshop meeting of the Central Oregon Coast Fire & Rescue District Board of Directors was called to order by President Eckerman at 12:04 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2024.

2. Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Eckerman led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call. Directors present were Greg Dunn, Jon MacCulloch, Rick Booth, and Reda Eckerman; Zach Akin was excused. A quorum was present.

4. New Business. a. November Election Discussion. Chief Mason asked if the Board is going to decide to put a levy request on the November election ballot and if so, what the rate is going to be. While no decisions can be made at a workshop, he reviewed the need for an increase, noting that a tax loan had already been required this year and will no doubt be needed next year, and possibly more in the future. The major expense is for payroll, and costs for that have changed since the contract with increases in PERS and insurance. We need to have enough taxes coming in to cover costs and to build up a rollover to cover major expenses and build capital. The current levy has stayed the same since 2015 but the operations of the District have changed; we now have 9 paid employees. Discussion of the amount of increase to ask for, with \$.50-\$.60/\$1,000 suggested. If levy is increased there would be no bond request next year. The need to adequately inform the public of the reasons for the increase request is extremely important and should be the main focus from now on, emphasizing the difference between market value and assessed value of property as well as the multitude of services performed by the District. Chief Mason asked the Board if they can make a motion at the next meeting asking for levy approval so that he can put an amount on the ballot and it can then be discussed.

b. WHA Insurance Discussion. A misunderstanding with the insurance company had arisen but it has been taken care of. However, in doing some research and updating records Office Administrator Wendy Rush had discovered that there was no contract on file with the District Treasurer Brett Quick. Mrs. Eckerman will email him and ask for a copy of his contract; if he doesn't have one then a new contract can be made.

5. Good of the Order. Mr. MacCulloch noted that we have had two people leave recently and almost one more and he would like some way of showing our appreciation of their service to the employees and volunteers. Mrs. Eckerman suggested he bring it up at the November Board meeting.

6. Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Board the workshop was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan K. Hansen, Recording Secretary

Approved:

Board Chair