

CENTRAL OREGON COAST FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

AUGUST 15, 2024

- 1. Call to Order.** The regular meeting of the Central Oregon Coast Fire & Rescue District Board of Directors was called to order by President Eckerman at 4:04 p.m. on Thursday, August 15, 2024. She reviewed the process for participation by viewers of the live-streamed meeting.
- 2. Roll Call.** Directors present were Rick Booth, Reda Eckerman, Jon MacCulloch, and Greg Dunn; Zach Akin was excused. A quorum was present.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance.** Mrs. Eckerman led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 4. Approval of Minutes.** Moved by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mr. Booth, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board on July 18, 2024 as presented; motion carried.
- 5. Citizen Participation.** None.
- 6. Reports. Staff.** Maintenance Officer Erich Knudson reported that the boat sold for \$12,000 and they are planning to get another jet ski to go with the one we were awarded. He has not talked to the Coast Guard about coverage for water incidents but we do have coverage assistance from the Sheriff's Department. **Volunteers.** Bingo tomorrow night. We did participate in National Night Out, but there is not much going on right now. **Union.** None.
- 7. Finance.** Mr. Quick reported cash on hand of \$177,249 at the end of July. Payroll is running very high right now because of the conflagrations, for which we will be reimbursed. No current tax yet for this year. The Moose are doing fundraising for the dock. Moved by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mr. Booth, to accept the financial report as presented and pay the bills; motion carried.
- 8. Old Business.** None.
- 9. New Business. Levy Approval.** Chief Mason presented the request for ballot title for the proposed levy for the November election; the deadline to file is Friday. This had been discussed at the workshop. Mrs. Eckerman explained that the proposed \$.60/\$1000 increase in the operating levy had been considered necessary in order to cover operating expenses, eliminate the need for more tax loans, and to put money away for future capital expenditures. The levy has not been changed since 2015. Moved by Mr. MacCulloch, seconded by Mr. Dunn, to accept SEL 805 Request for Ballot Title for the November 5th election as written; motion carried.
- 10. Chief's Report.** Chief Mason reported that they have been busy with conflagration deployments and general operations. The SPIRE contract has been signed and he is waiting for notification to pick up the jet ski, which is a 3-seater. They are going to wait to buy the second ski to see if they can get some grant money, and also to ensure that the two skis will be compatible. They do come with trailers, but will probably trade the two trailers for one larger one. FEMA has been doing smaller awards and we should know by the end of September whether we are getting an engine, or at least an exhaust system. He is still waiting to hear from the FEPP Grant, and the funds through Congresswoman Hoyle are awaiting legislation. OSFM Tenders haven't been sent out yet. The ski program will be a bigger venture because it will require different guidelines and

parameters for rescue. He will have the skis up as soon as possible and training will begin just as quickly. They won't go into the surf until they are ready. Tax loan is proceeding.

11. Good of the Order/Adjournment. Mrs. Eckerman read an email from Mr. Akin, which she had forwarded to the other members of the Board, resigning his position as Director. Discussion of the vacancy; Chief Mason recommended publishing notification of the vacancy and requesting letters of interest. Moved by Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. MacCulloch, to accept the resignation of Mr. Akin and open the vacancy for letters of interest to be received by Wednesday, September 18, 2024; motion carried. Following the discussion at the workshop, Mr. Quick had sent a copy of his contract, from 23 years ago, and a draft copy of a contract to Mrs. Eckerman. She had also researched similar contracts and had some that had a few additions such as indemnification for both parties, etc. Because of the short time involved she had not had a chance to share the information with the other Board members and it was agreed to forward the information to them for consideration at the September meeting. Office Administrator Wendy Rush mentioned that there will be a Policy update in October because of new templates for Paid Leave Oregon. Mr. Booth questioned a couple of items from the July meeting, the Ordinance for Captain Knudson and the discussion of new chairs. Captain Knudson will have the Ordinance ready for the September meeting and Mr. MacCulloch suggested tabling the discussion of new chairs until November when the taxes come in and there has been further research on replacements.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan K. Hansen, Recording Secretary

Approved:

Board Chair