



CENTRAL CASCADES FIRE & EMS

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2024

Cell Phones and/or Pagers were turned to **SILENT** or **OFF**

Recording was started

I. Opening of Meeting

President, John Gartland

- ✓ Meeting called to Order @ 5:00 pm/Welcome
- ✓ Pledge of Allegiance
- ✓ Roll Call – 5 Board Members present
 - John Gartland, President
 - Steve Stewart, Vice President
 - Sue Ward, Secretary
 - Brad Kahler, Treasurer
 - Paula Elissondoberry, Director
- Also in attendance:
 - Tim Cramblit, Deputy/Division Chief – by Zoom
 - Andy Fisher, Training Officer
 - Lindsay Lowen, Volunteer Paramedic
 - JJ Ascencio, Engineer
 - Anthony Addington, Crescent RFPD student
 - Mark Russell, Community Member
- ✓ Agenda Review/ Additions – none.
- ✓ President's Items and Correspondence – 2 donations received: \$5,000 from Jim & Kate Mattimore, previous and original cabin 71 owners, and \$80 from Christopher Franek, Division A of New Jersey.
- ✓ Request for Public Comments – none.

II. Secretary's Reports

Secretary, Sue Ward

- ✓ July 18, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – These were emailed out to the Board for review in advance & the program Austin Freidner completed was corrected. **Motion made by Brad to accept Secretary's Report as presented; Second by Paula; no further Discussion; Vote unanimous; Motion carried.**

III. Treasurer's Reports

Treasurer, Brad Kahler

- ✓ Reviewed Current Reports from last meeting to date: Reconciliation Report, which includes the Summary and Detail through 08/03/2024; Account List thru 08/09/2024; US Bank Journal for check #4526; Profit & Loss thru 08/09/2024; Profit & Loss July 2024 thru June 2025. Brad notes that the transfer of money per the budget will be made in November for interest advantage. Clarification that account descriptions are 6500 for Andy & summer pay and 6600 is for JJ's pay. Pump project of \$68,000 still to be paid & we've received the money from the SAFER Grant. Noted that the USDA/Forest Service has agreed to pay \$4,000 per day, up to 21 days, for use of our facility. The Gray Team is currently in charge & each team will be here for approximately 2 weeks. Asphalt grindings have been donated for the parking lot. **Motion made by Steve to accept Treasurer's Report as presented; Second by Paula; no further Discussion; Vote unanimous; Motion carried.** Sue signed the Reconciliation Report.

IV. **Operations Reports**

Andy Fischer, Tim Cramblit, Brad Kahler

- ✓ Various Items/Activities
 - Andy's report reviewed.
 - Austin has completed the Firefighter 1 Academy.
 - Medical Director Follow-up – Lindsay has gotten to know Dr. Eschelbach, who teaches Emergency Medicine. There was a question as to whether we are, indeed, a member of the consortium, ECEMS (East Cascades EMS). All other agencies working with him feel he does a great job and conducts trainings for them. Eschelbach intends to retire in a few years so we might keep in touch with a potential back-up.
 - Tim – grants and policies reviewed.
 - Advised that SAFER grant has started making awards, which, if granted, would be to hire a Fire Chief. There has been no progress on the OEM (Oregon Emergency Management) grant, the 2021 SAFER grant money has been received, and the 2024 OSFM Fire Reduction grant will likely not be successful. There was a brief discussion on the Walker Range Community Fire Protection Plan. There was a question and discussion about why our Fire Chief position is not posted. This is because funding is needed first.
 - Brad – nothing. Sue noted that the Walker Rim Riders has formed a new team for the Grooming Program and has new leadership.
- ✓ Community Region/Events
 - Confirmation that the Labor Day Pancake Breakfast will not be held due to the Red Fire.
 - 1241 will be loaned to Crescent RFD.

V. **Unfinished Business**

All

- ✓ Public Use of District Facilities Policy - **Motion made by Steve to adopt the revised Public Use of District Facilities Policy as presented; Second by Brad; Further Discussion; Vote in favor by John, Brad, and Steve; Vote against by Paula and Sue; Motion carried.** Sue to email latest version to Brad, who will forward to our attorney for an estimate on cost to review.
- ✓ SDAO Self-Assessment – Civil Rights Policy. This was approved by Homeland Security and received today. Tim will forward to the Board.
- ✓ Best Practices/Insurance credit – OR Public Meetings Law training now available and most of the Board have taken it.

VI. **New Business**

All

- ✓ None.

VII. **Good of the Order**

- ✓ Certificate of Appreciation received from the Southern Area Gray Team for the support for the Red/Jackpine Fires.

VIII. **Confirm Next Meeting and Adjournment**

- ✓ The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Thursday, September 19, 2024 @ 5:00 pm in the Central Cascades Fire & EMS District Community Service Center.
- ✓ Meeting adjourned @ 6:09 pm.

John Gartland, President

File: Meeting Agenda
Secretary's Report
Treasurer's Reports
Training Officer's Report – Training/Personnel, Calls