

Crook County Fire & Rescue
Board Meeting Minutes
December 20, 2018

Board Members Present:

Director Dennis Bauldree, Director Dennis Merrill, Director Jerry Brummer, Vice President Steve Lent

Absent: President Jim Dean.

Staff members present:

Battalion Chief Kenfield, Lt/ Paramedic Hummel, Firefighter/ Paramedic Gorton, Battalion Chief Freauff, Battalion Chief Deboodt, Volunteer Assistant Chief Wright, Deputy Chief Pickhardt

Public members present:

George Ponte, OSFM Deputy Dave Fields

Meeting called to order by Steve Lent at 0901.

M & S to approve minutes: Motion to approve by Director Merrill, second by Director Bauldree. Unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the November meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Governance Policy, Executive Limitation Policy, Ends Policy, and Linkage Policy presented by Chief Smith. Request that the board annually review and approve the policies.

Chief Smith requested the board review each policy and recommend changes as needed. The board can review in December and approve in January.

Discussion based on policy review and importance of setting the agenda for the next year based on policy.

ISO presentation and review of letter sent to Jim Dean on updated ISO rating for Crook County Fire & Rescue.

Chief Smith provided an overview of ISO to the board then invited Chief Deboodt to provide details.

Chief DeBoodt provided a detail review of the ISO rating for the board. Current rating is a 4/10. ISO is a third-party rating system for fire departments and their respective water systems. The rating is heavily dependent on the water systems. Crook County Fire & Rescue has multiple

water systems within the fire district, some are not recognized as a credible water system. Crook County may use the non-recognized systems even though ISO rates them as non-credible.

ISO rates departments every 5-7 years and the rating was completed on 7/31/18. Went from a 4/8B and was based on being with 5 miles of a fire station and 1000' of a fire hydrant. If within 5 miles and 1000' of a hydrant the house was a 4, without a hydrant the house would be an 8B. New system rates Crook County Fire a 4/10W. CC Fire received an alternate water credit because of the organizations ability to move water with water tenders. If a house is within 5 road miles of a fire station the house gets the credit of a 4 and the hydrant location is not considered. Homes 5-7 miles are now rated as they were previously not rated. This is a result of the fire department proving they could provide suppression at the 7 mile distance.

Summary after new ISO evaluation: 5 miles or less from a Crook County Fire Station property is rated at ISO 4. 5-7 miles property is rated a 10W. Over 7 miles from a fire station, the property is a 10.

Chief Deboodt reviewed residential sprinkler systems requirements found in specific subdivisions in the fire district.

Chief Deboodt provided a short review of the water system serving the data centers and other industrial properties in the industrial area. All systems are excellent and adequate to serve the buildings in the industrial area.

Director Brummer discussed some specific hydrant issues in the district.

Juniper Canyon access road update presented by Chief Deboodt. Review of meeting with Ann Byers (sp) at the Crook County Planning Department. 300 residential permits for Juniper Canyon this year. Chief Deboodt updated the board on the Crook County traffic safety plan (TSP) that the county is looking at to begin discussion about managing traffic growth in the Juniper Canyon area. Forming a community focus group that partners with government representation to design/develop a secondary access road in the Juniper Canyon area. Discussed the formation of the group, engineering, funding, and road options. Most likely the access road will be a county road that would tie in to Hwy 27.

Director Brummer provided additional discussion about the potential of ODOT involvement in the development of a Juniper Canyon access road. Director Brummer also reviewed potential funding options for creating the road and gaining community involvement. Director Bauldree asked about grant options, not a fire district item but a project for the to be formed focus group.

Director Brummer discussed state wide issue of property partitions. Juniper Canyon and Powell Butte are areas this is a significant issue. Many access issues are significant because these partitions/ pseudo sub-divisions are begin developed and are under the land use requirements

that would require adequate access. Chief Deboodt added additional information on the importance of addressing this issue as emergency access is an issue and the problem must be fixed at the Oregon land use law level.

Steve Lent asked how this relates to Juniper Acres. Group was not sure about the zoning situation/facts at Juniper Canyon.

Chief Deboodt presented a plan to provide a one page informational document to be provided to every permit request that provides information about wildfire fire safety that are important to property owners.

Dave Fields added information that the process will be pushed by the insurance companies based on high risk communities east of the Cascade Range. Discussed (Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) and the insurance companies potential enforcement based on access and location. Communities need to provide educational information to potential property owners and importance of SB360.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Director Bauldree motioned to approve the consent agenda, Director Merrill seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dave Fields shared an update on Crook County School District fire alarm safety update on a what is now a state policy to change how fire alarms are handled in schools. The change in the process at the state level was drafted by Crook County officials and the code change worked through the public process to change the state code.

Concept is to change how fire drills are accomplished in the schools and being more progressive as a result of active threat issues. The policy ensures the continuation of fire drills but still recognizes the importance of recognition of the active threat problem.

Congratulations from the OSFM to Chief Deboodt on his progressive approach to develop a plan to make our schools safer and that plan is now going state wide.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Update from Chief Smith on the new Pierce fire engine and it is now in service. But, a mechanical warranty issue requiring the engine to go back to the dealer mechanic in Springfield, OR for repair.

Sold two old white brush engines purchased in 1998 for \$3,135.00 each.

SDAO annual conference in February.

Steve Lent closed the public meeting at 10:15 to go to executive session per ORS 192.660 (2) (d) to conduct deliberations with persons you have designated to carry on labor negotiations.

Steve Lent closed the executive session and opened the public meeting at 10:41.

Director Merrill made a motion and Director Bauldree seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:46 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Pickhardt

Steve Lent