

CROOK COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE

The regular meeting of Crook County Fire & Rescue was called to order by President Steve Lent at 9:03 am on October 22, 2020.

Board members present by Zoom were Steve Lent, Dennis Merrill and George Ponte. Gary Abrams and Jerry Brummer were absent.

Staff present was Chief Matt Smith, Chief Dave Pickhardt, Chief Russ Deboodt, and Paula Landrus.

MINUTES

George Ponte made a motion to approve the minutes from September 17, 2020. Dennis Merrill seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

George Ponte made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Dennis Merrill seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

COVID 19 Update-Chief Pickhardt gave an update on COVID 19. There are more cases in Crook County. There are very few cases in the fire service. Dispatch is doing a good job asking the questions and relaying it to the crews. We have transported some positive cases.

Future Growth and Needs-Chief Smith stated that we had a meeting with Apple and Facebook regarding another station. The proposal was for 28 Million dollars. They are not able to fund that cost, but they are still interested in further conversation. They may be interested in funding one thing not a nine year plan. We will continue to work on our Future Growth and Needs document.

NEW BUSINESS

ASA Plan/Auto Aid Agreements/Contracts for Fire Protection-Chief Smith stated this is on our yearly schedule to review and make the Board aware. Chief Smith explained our ASA (Ambulance Service Area).. West of Reif Road in Powell Butte is Redmond Fire's ASA, the southern part of Crook County is Bend's ASA and East of Camp Creek Road is Rager's ASA. The Board discussed the ASA and how it affects the district.

We have an Auto Aid agreement with Redmond Fire. The agreement with Bend Fire has expired since Alfalfa Fire came on as a district.

We have two contracts for fire structure protection. One is on Butler Road in Lone Pine and the other is Ochoco Christian Conference Center east of Prineville. We bill both of these every November.

LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT-Dennis Merrill stated I do have some comments representing the board labor management committee

We received a follow-up email last week from the firefighters association. I want to mention, that we (the committee) received a similar e-mail last month to which we responded to the association through a communication, which was included in the minutes of the board meeting.

We, the committee, reviewed the most recent email and shared the information with other members of the board and also had a discussion with the management team.

In response to the email, the committee would like to continue encouraging that labor-management discussions continue at the monthly labor management meetings. We feel this is the best venue for sharing ideas along with addressing and solving labor issues.

In the future, if the association feels their concerns are not being heard and addressed at the labor management meetings, the board will schedule a meeting with the parties – which are the committee, association, as well as the management team.

We, the committee, believe the most appropriate way to respond to the Associations emails should be through the committee report at the Fire Board meetings. This allows the full board to hear the response and have an opportunity to weigh-in as a full BOD, and provide direction to the committee as needed.

Chief Pickhardt stated that the E Board meets monthly with himself and Chief Smith.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Review Call Data-Chief Pickhardt gave an overview of the calls in September. There were 284 responses, 73 Non EMS calls, 55 transfers, 12 motor vehicle accidents and 9 false alarms.

Chief Pickhardt stated that we sent a task force to Detroit and Warm Springs for the fires.

Chief Deboodt gave an overview on insurance and how it is affecting people. Insurance carriers are looking for excuses to drop their clients. Insurance carriers and reevaluating high risk areas. Chief Deboodt recommends shopping around for the best policy and best rates.

As there was no further business for the Board, Dennis Merrill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 am. George Ponte seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Landrus

Steve Lent

