

CROOK COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE

The regular meeting of Crook County Fire & Rescue was called to order by President Dennis Merrill at 9:03 am on December 15, 2022.

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

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

Guest present were Joe Mills, Jeff Berkebile, Sam Scheideman, Todd Olheiser, Larry Long, Seth Tooley and Jerimiah Kenfield.

MINUTES

Steve Lent made a motion to approve the minutes from November 17, 2022 and the Work Session November 17, 2022. George Ponte seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Jerry Brummer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Steve Lent seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Senate Bill 762- Chief Matt Smith stated that there was nothing new to report. We may apply for a grant through the Oregon State Fire Marshal Office to a renewable energy program.

Seismic Grant-Chief Dave Pickhardt stated that he held a mandatory meeting with potential contractors. About 8 or 9 contractors came to the meeting. Applications from the contractors are due December 15, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

Governance Policy and Board Duty and Responsibility Policy Manual Review-Chief Matt Smith shared the changes. The Board reviewed the changes.

George Ponte made a motion to approve the Governance Policy and Board Duty and Responsibility Policy Manual. Steve Lent seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Paid Leave Oregon-Chief Matt Smith stated that this a new tax and a new benefit in Oregon. The contribution rate will not be more than 1% of wages. Employees pay 60% of the contribution rate. Employers with 25 or more employees pay 40% of the contribution rate. The Association has demanded to bargain. We will hold executive session.

Dennis Merrill closed the public meeting and opened Executive Session per ORS 192.660 To conduct deliberation with persons you have designated to carry on labor negotiations.

Dennis Merrill opened the public meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Review Call Data- Chief Dave Pickhardt reviewed the call data from November.

Update on Hiring, Recruitment and Retention- Chief Matt Smith stated that we hired one Firefighter/Paramedic December 1st. He was a lateral entry. We are in the process of hiring on Battalion Chief. We have 3 Firefighter/Paramedics starting January 16th.

Special Districts Conference- Chief Smith informed the Board of the Conference coming up February 9-12, 2023.

As there was no further business for the Board, George Ponte made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 am. Jerry Brummer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paula Landrus".

Paula Landrus