

# CROOK COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE

The regular meeting of Crook County Fire & Rescue was called to order by President Dennis Merrill at 9:00 am on March 17, 2022.

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

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

Guest present were Larry Long, Sam Scheideman, Todd Olheiser and Chris Bocchi.

## MINUTES

George Ponte made a motion to approve the minutes from February 17, 2022. Gary Abrams seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Jerry Brummer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. George Ponte seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

## OLD BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

Appoint Budget Officer-George Ponte made a motion to appoint Chief Matt Smith as the Budget Officer for the 2022-2023 budget year. Steve Lent seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Fire Chief Evaluation- Chief Matt Smith read the evaluation presentation. The District is in a good financial position. Tax revenue is anticipated to come in as budgeted.

Ambulance revenue is on track to exceed projections. The District could receive a larger PILOT payment next budget year. Expenses in materials and services will likely exceed the benchmark of 82% due to the effects of inflation and unexpected maintenance of the fire engine fleet. Personnel services will likely come in at or below the 97% benchmark due to not receiving a grant to hire 3 Firefighter/Paramedics.

Chief Smith gave an overview of the District Evaluation Tool Document.

The Board discussed and reviewed the Evaluation Presentation and the District Evaluation Tool Document.

George Ponte made a motion to accept the Fire Chief Evaluation. Steve Lent seconded the motion with passed unanimously.

Bargaining Update- Dennis Merrill closed the public meeting at 10:00 am and opened Executive Session per ORS 192.660 (2) (d) to conduct deliberations with persons you have designated to carry on labor negotiations.

Dennis Merrill opened the public meeting at 11:00 am.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

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

Update on hiring-Chief Matt Smith stated that we hired one Firefighter/Paramedic. There are 2 Firefighter/Paramedics leaving in April. We will be holding a testing process in April or May.

Chief Smith informed the Board that Dale Pedersen passed away. His memorial service is April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 1:30 pm.

Chief Dave Pickhardt stated he wanted to congratulate Chris Bocchi on his promotion to Lieutenant.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

Steve Lent made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 am. Gary Abrams seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Landrus