

# 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 April 20, 2023.

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

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

Guest present were Sam Scheideman, Todd Olheiser, Larry Long, Jerimiah Kenfield and Tina Buswell.

## MINUTES

Steve Lent made a motion to approve the minutes from March 16, 2023. George Ponte seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

## CONSENT AGENDA

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

## OLD BUSINESS

Senate Bill 762-Chief Deboodt stated there is an app that can be downloaded. There will be training on the app for fire people. The app is an assessment tool for voluntary defensible space for those interested.

Seismic Grant Update-Chief Pickhardt stated that there is a signed contract with Kirby Nagelhout Construction. There will be a meeting May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 with engineer, contractor and architect. We are looking for a place to go during construction. We are also working on a builder's risk insurance policy.

## NEW BUSINESS

Appoint Vacant Budget Committee Positions-Chief Smith stated we did not receive any new applicants. Larry Long and Tim Lacke would like to be appointed for another term. Steve Lent made a motion to appoint Larry Long and Tim Lacke to the budget committee. George Ponte seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Review Strategic Plan-Chief Smith stated on page 9 he added electrical hazard identification and isolation to the sentence Rescue (motor vehicle crashes and surface water/ice rescue, industrial accident response.

Page 15 Chief Smith added electrical hazard identification and isolation.

George Ponte made a motion to approve the Strategic Plan. Jerry Brummer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comments given

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

Review Call Data- Chief Pickhardt gave the call data for March.

Update on Hiring, Recruitment and Retention- Chief Pickhardt stated that we are advertising for Firefighter/Paramedic. We have one vacancy now and we will have another one in July. We will be setting a date to hold a test.

Budget Calendar- Chief Smith stated that the Budget meeting will be May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Noon.

Chief Smith had a discussion with the Board regarding the future income for the Fire District. We have applied for a grant through the Oregon State Fire Marshalls Office. If we get the grant, we would be hiring 4 firefighters.

There is a solar farm that is coming on to the tax roll this coming year.

Chief Pickhardt talked about needs and future growth of the District. We will be remodeling 1201 with the seismic grant. We need more office space and a training center. We will have some costs for these projects in June.

Chief Deboodt stated we meet quarterly with the City, County and assessor. The state will be involved with Facebook comes on the tax rolls in 2027.

The Board discussed the future of the district and different options.

As there was no further business for the board, George Ponte made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 am. Dennis Merrill seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Landrus