

**Crook County Fire and Rescue**  
**Board Work Session**  
**June 15, 2023**

Dennis Merrill opened the work session at 10:36 am.

Discussion topics:

- Discuss public relations and the district's profile in the community:
  - o Chief Smith discussed previous discussion topics that have been brought up over the years including open houses, evening board meetings, and a virtual town hall meeting.
  - o The board discussed the possibility of doing a virtual town hall, how one could be structured, and how best to advertised if one was to be done. George stated that he believes we should continue to attempt to connect with the public on the direction of the district. Dennis stated that historically participation has been low or non-existent at previous attempts. Steve Lent stated that maybe if we tie the event to the fire museum, it might get more attendance. Topic ideas include fire prevention/defensible space and future growth and needs. Timing for such an event was discussed around August, September, October, and May. September was settled as the best possible time for this year. Focus would be town hall format. Board discussed that we should offer a duel in person/virtual format.
  - o Russ gave an update on the website and the potential redesign to include a Fire Marshals landing page. This would allow contractors/engineers/architects a more efficient way of submitting site plans to the district for review. There are several agency websites that we could model after, including Clackamas Fire. Russ will continue to work with our website designer in the coming months to make the changes.

Dennis Merrill closed the work session.

Respectfully Submitted,



Russell Deboodt

Dennis Merrill