

CROOK COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE

The regular meeting was called to order by President Dennis Merrill on July 24, 2023 at 9:00 am.

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

Staff present was Chief Matt Smith, Chief Dave Pickhardt, Chief Russ Deboodt and Chief Jeremiah Kenfield.

Guest present was Chris Bocchi.

MINUTES

Steve Lent made a motion to approve the minutes from June 15, 2023. Jerry Brummer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

OLD BUSINESS

Senate Bill 762-Chief Russ Deboodt stated a new bill was passed. Senate Bill 80 passed which is an attempt to reposition the map. They still need a map to know where the dangerous areas are. People need to know what to do to keep themselves safe. The bill changes the name of the map from Wildfire Risk map to Wildfire Hazard Map. It also changes some of the language in the notices that will be mailed to property owners.

Russ Deboodt introduced Chris Bocchi as the new appointed Fire Prevention Technician.

Seismic Grant-Chief Pickhardt stated the draft plans will be done by July 25th to be submitted to Kirby Nagelhout for the remodel of Station 1201. Dave stated that he has toured 2 stations that were remodeled and seismic upgraded.

Chief Smith discussed the long term financial plan and the long term plan for offices. We are looking at different options to relocate.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Officer Elections-It was the consensus of the Board to wait until the August Board meeting to hold the elections.

Update on Staffing Capability- Chief Matt Smith stated this is a yearly agenda item.

We received the wildland grant for \$30,000 from the State Fire Marshall. We also received the 3 year grant for staffing from the State Fire Marshall.

Station 1201 is staffed 24/7 with an ambulance and fire truck.

Station 1202 is the second priority, staffing it with an ALS crew and they can also run a fire engine.

Station 1203 is staffed with a Lieutenant on overtime and a part time employee or a volunteer. They have ALS equipment but no ambulance.

We have added 10-12 new part time employees this year.
We also have our student volunteers living at Station 1202 and 1203.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

GOOD OF THE ORDER

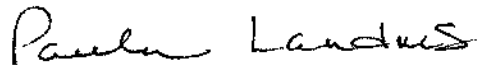
Chief Russ Deboodt gave the call report.

Update on Hiring, Recruitment, and Retention-Chief Smith stated that it is a competitive market. We have a Firefighter/Paramedic list with 2 candidates on it. We made job offers, but we are not sure they will accept. Kudos to the crews for managing their shifts.

The Board discussed the possibility of partnering with the BLM on a station and offices up by the airport. Chief Smith stated that we are looking at options. It will depend on timing.

As there was no further business for the Board, Steve Lent made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paula Landrus". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Paula Landrus