

Crook County Fire and Rescue
Board Meeting
August 18, 2022

Call to Order: Dennis Merrill called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

Board Attendance: Board members in attendance were Dennis Merrill, George Ponte, Steve Lent, and Jerry Brummer.

Staff Attendance: Matt Smith, Dave Pickhardt, Russell Deboodt, Jerimiah Kenfield, Jeff Berkebile, and Todd Olheiser.

Public Attendance: Larry Long, Tim Lacke, and Sam Scheideman

Minutes: Steve Lent made a motion to approve the minutes, George Ponte seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

- Bills: Chief Smith reviewed the bills since last board meeting.
- Consent Agenda: Jerry Brummer moved to approve the consent agenda, George Ponte seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- Senate Bill 762: Chief Smith stated there continues to be a lot of movement with the bill and its requirements. The map has been rescinded and will most likely be revamped and put back out for public comment. Chief Smith and Chief Deboodt attended a meeting with the Deputy Chief of Policy for the Oregon Department of Forestry, who indicated that the local folks will be involved in the revamped map. Chief Smith and Chief Deboodt also attended a meeting with the Assistant Chief Deputy with OSFM, regarding the Oregon Defensible Space Code and how it is being organized and adopted. Chief Deboodt described the Oregon Defensible space code, its impacts, and how SB 762 intertwines between BCD, ODF, and OSFM.
- Presentation on Firefighting PPE: Chief Pickhardt reviewed the Post Fire Gross Decon Field Operation Guide which highlights how CCFR crews decon after a structure fire. This process of gross decon is focused on cancer prevention and rehabilitation of firefighters. Chief Pickhardt is working with staff to increase the availability of extra hoods and gloves so crews have fresh pairs to change into after a fire.
- Seismic Grant: Chief Smith reviewed the parameters around the seismic grant. Chief Smith stated he believes the correct strategy would be to move forward with the grant so the district can incorporate it into a larger facilities plan. Moving forward with the grant will require the district to publicly go out for Requests for Qualifications and bring those to the Contract Review Board. If and award is made, it will allow the district to further develop what the actual costs of the different projects would be. George Ponte ask what station/stations the grant applies to? Chief Smith confirmed that the grant is only for the main station (1201). Chief Smith stated Chief Pickhardt will shift some of his priorities to take on the management of this process. Further discussion was had on what the station could look like and what kind of things a “new” fire station is required to have.

New Business:

- Supplemental Budget Hearing: Chief Smith reviewed the supplemental budget process. Larry Long and Tim Lacke attended the meeting and are on the CCFR Budget Committee. Chief Smith discussed that the Seismic Grant would be added to, and tracked through, the Capital Project Fund in the budget. This would allow the district to track every penny spent through the grant.
- Dennis Merrill opened the Supplemental Budget Hearing: Floor was opened to public comment.
 - o Tim Lacke asked why we need seismic rehab here in Prineville. Chief Pickhardt described this is part of a trend to improve the resiliency of public service buildings. This has two prongs, first that the people in the building are safe, and the second is that the building remains functional after an event. Chief Pickhardt stated station 1201 was built during a time when there were no seismic requirements. Chief Smith reiterated that the two substations were built to an appropriate seismic standard.
 - o No other public comments were received.
- Chief Smith read Resolution #2022-4. Steve Lent made a motion to adopt Resolution #2022-4, George Ponte seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

- None

Good of the Order:

- Review Call Data: Chief Pickhardt reviewed the call data for July.
- Update on Hiring: Chief Pickhardt discussed that the district has an open application process currently. A new employee started last month and a second person is in the hiring process. We are still waiting to hear on the SAFER grant.

Adjourn: Dennis adjourned the meeting at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Deboodt

Dennis Merrill