

## CROOK COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE

### WORK SESSION MINUTES

Dennis Merrill called the work session to order on February 16, 2023 at 10:50 am.

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

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

Discuss Strategic Plan- Chief Smith the only change in the document is identify electric hazard. The Board discussed the Strategic Business Plan.

Budget Priorities- Chief Smith stated 2022-2023 budget priorities are:

- *Increase the consistency of staffing in the Juniper Canyon station.*
- *Increase the District's emergency response capacity.*
- *Fund reserve accounts as revenue projections allow with a goal of securing property and developing infrastructure for a future training facility and additional fire station.*

2023-2024 Budgetary Objectives: "Ideas"

- Maintain the consistent staffing of substations
- Increase the District's emergency response capacity by adding an additional response vehicle to the 1201 response area.
- In coordination with the seismic upgrade grant project at station 1201, adequately fund station upgrades to prepare that station for service for the next 20 years and to complete maintenance projects at substations.

Other Priorities:

- Part-Time and Student programs
- Employee Training
- Front Office Capacity – adding a full-time office assistant position
- Fire Engine/Ambulance Plan

Develop plans and infrastructure for a training location and facility and an additional fire station.

Substation Maintenance- Station 1202 and Station 1203 are in need of new carpet, paint and flooring in the kitchen and bathrooms.

BLM is interested in co-locating with the fire department on a property by the airport. We could share the property with a training center and a training tower.

Chief Smith talked about option for Station 1204. We will need to look into bonds or financing. There is an option for tier financing. A lower payment in the beginning. And a larger payment after the data centers come on the tax rolls. We will research financing options and pursue BLM.

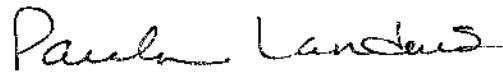
The Board is supportive of research financing. The consensus was to partner with the BLM and research financing the project.

Chief Smith stated that we will do a facilities plan.

The Board discussed the options.

The work session adjourned at 11:40 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paula Landrus". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Paula Landrus