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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR MEETING
OF OCTOBER 24, 2022

Call to Order: President Katherine Guenther at 10:31 AM called the meeting to order.

Quorum: It was determined that a quorum was present.

Attendance: Those present: Directors – Katherine Guenther, Betty Johnston, Don Tucker and Ed Hallahan; Shelby Knife, Assistant to District Administrator; District Administrator and Fire Chief, Frankie Petrick. Director Drew Tracy was not in attendance.

Agenda changes or additions: None.

Guests: Quinton Smith, Katrina Wynne and Jirivil Wood.

Public Input: Katrina Wynne had some very specific questions about pre fire planning for the upriver area. Question as to number of apparatus at the 7881 Station, concerns about bridges, type of response due to vehicle weight issues, response times; a written fire response plan and other concerns as well. President Guenther asked that specific issues should be addressed to Petrick. Petrick advised that a written fire pre plan was in the works, but in the early stages. Wynne advised that she would be sending her recommendations to Petrick. Petrick advised Wynne that a status report would be sent to her early the week of October 31.

Jirivil Wood had some specific information she was wanting concerning total square feet of the new station. Wood presented a written list of data requested and requested that information be mailed to her rather than an electronic version. Knife and Petrick will get that to her as soon as the information is gathered.

Director Tucker told Wynn and Wood about his personal experience with having to use Yachats Fire and South Lincoln Ambulance services. He also mentioned the board has spent hours determining the best way to move forward and being as fiscally responsible as possible.

Minutes: The minutes of the October 10th Regular Meeting were approved as presented.

Liaison Report: No liaison present.

Correspondence: The District received an email from Katrina Wynne that is attached to these minutes.

The District also received a Detail of Taxing District Levies from Lincoln County for the upcoming year.

Equipment Maintenance: Annual pump testing will begin tomorrow at the old high school location in Waldport.

The alarm company was here for the annual system certification. We have a unit in the vault near the flag poles that needs to be replaced. The technician is estimating \$500 to \$700 for that work. He will schedule it when the parts arrive.

Training Team Report: After speaking with a few of the volunteers, Firefighter/EMT-P Larmi has determined the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month is set as volunteer drill times. Start times will be 1700 hours for the winter, and a little later for the summer months. We will start the new schedule November 1st. This will also give potential volunteers a place to show up to with questions about volunteering.

A few training events are in the works: water rescue with COCFR. We will be doing the classroom portion online. Larmi will also be reaching out to COCFR to do a joint low angle rope rescue drill at our station. Rescue 72 is set up with low angle rope gear that the crews need to familiarize themselves with. (Yachats has some gear to do this skill but some of it is out of date.) Also, on the topic of rope rescue, Max Stephens is off of probation for the county high angle rope team. Congratulations Max! As always, our crews continue to drill and train on skills and equipment during our regular shift hours.

District Administrator/Fire Chief Report: Petrick reported that WHA Insurance sent over a Winter Weather Preparedness Check List for us to use for determining if we are ready for winter. That will be completed in the near future.

Old Business: None presented.

Ongoing Business: President Guenther asked for any updates about informing the district patrons about the need to pass this measure. Director Hallahan advised that signs are out and Director Johnston is continuing with her “walk & talk”.

The Board listened to the sixth and final Boardmanship 301 SDAO training session. President Guenther needed to leave at this point and Director Johnston continued the meeting as chair. Director Guenther will complete the last training on line.

Knife will now complete the Best Practices questionnaire and submit it before the November 4th deadline.

New Business: The Districts of south county are renewing the Automatic Mutual Aid Agreement. Chief Mason will have a final draft to the Chiefs and we will have a copy to sign at an upcoming meeting.

Disbursements: The bills were reviewed. Director Johnston moved to pay the bills. Director Hallahan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:51 AM. The next regular meeting will be held at 10:30 AM on November 14th.

Minutes written and prepared by _____.
Frankie Petrick

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