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

Call to Order: Vice President Betty Johnston at 10:00 AM called the meeting to order at 2056 Hwy 101 N.

Quorum: It was determined that a quorum was present.

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

Agenda changes or additions: None.

Guests: Quinton Smith, FF/Paramedic Joe Schwab and new FF/Paramedic Seth Hedin.

Public Input: Quinton Smith inquired if our policy manual addressed Board member attendance. Vice President Johnston remarked that President Guenther has been extremely busy at her job and that we are making sure we touch base with her regularly.

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 10, 2022 were read and approved as read.

Liaison Report: None given.

Correspondence: Letter from Marilyn McKinnon was read and is attached to these minutes. Petrick and Knife think she will find answers in the District handout that will be available by the end of the week.

Letter from Greg Musil was read. Musil has presented an offer of \$500.00 for the 1971 Ford. He wishes to have it in Lincoln County for parades and open houses. It was built in Cornelius, to our specifications and has been with YRFPD for all of its 51 years. Director Tucker asked what it might be worth on the open market. Petrick will check and report at the February 14th meeting. Director Tucker would like that information.

Equipment Maintenance: Unit 11 is back from Allstart Electric and they have installed a master switch in the cab that will enable the batteries to hold their charge. There are a lot of ways for the batteries to be drained in Unit 11 and the master switch solves the issue nicely.

Training Team Report: The crew trains with Central Oregon Coast Fire on Monday nights and trains in house weekly as well.

Activity Report: The final December activity report was reviewed. (a copy is attached to these minutes). This format better suits the Board than previous submissions. Going forward that information will be posted to the Web Page monthly.

Old Business: None presented.

District Administrator/Fire Chief Report: Petrick and Knife met with Director Tracy to review his information concerning South Lincoln Ambulance's income. Director Tracy and Tucker asked for that information and it was presented to the Board. Billing summaries for 2019, 2020, and 2021 were available for review. Petrick also presented the ambulance transports by insurance carriers for 2021 and the current ambulance service rates as well.

Director Hallahan drew up a summary of how YRFPD and SLA interface (attached to these minutes). Hopefully the information will answer some of the questions the community has been asking about.

Director Hallahan, Knife and Petrick met with the trails committee to talk about creating a trail to connect with the Ya'Xaik trail that runs through the Siuslaw National Forest behind our property. Both groups agreed that creating a trail through YRFPD to connect to the Ya'Xaik trail is a worthwhile investigation. The things that need to be determined are placement of the trail and what may be required from a permitting perspective, possible funding sources and the corresponding application process. A group walked the potential trail. It has been marked with yellow ribbon. Quinton Smith shared that the City of Yachats has An Intergovernmental Agreement with the Siuslaw already. Petrick asked the Board to confirm that YRFPD wants to go forward with the idea and determine if that will work for all concerned.

New Business: The district has received a recommendation from the Oregon State Fire Marshal's office to restrict access to the station again. The February lunch is being cancelled. Hopefully the end of February will see us with less COVID and we can once again offer "lunch with a firefighter".

Petrick reported that the Ambulance Service Area applications have been sent out by Lincoln County for ASA #5, which is the one we currently hold. Petrick asked the Board if they wanted to do a joint application again and they concurred. That has to be to the County Commissioners in March so work will start on that right away.

Ongoing Business: Knife reviewed and explained the Five-Year Plan for the District. It was first presented in March of 2021. Lengthy discussion about how to move forward and how best to explain the situation to the District Patrons was held. The next meeting on February 14 will be a work session concerning how best to get the word out to the District Patrons. Director Tracy reminded all to be prepared to discuss going forward. Director Tucker stressed the need to clearly explain why we need to increase taxes to both the people that live here and to the people that don't live here, but have a home here.

Director Tucker wanted to express his thanks for the care given to a friend of his recently. He thanked the crew for their caring manner and professionalism.

Disbursements: No bills were presented. The February meeting will have the financial report.

Adjournment: As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 PM. The next meeting will be at 10:30 AM on February 14th, 2022.

Minutes written and prepared by _____.
Frankie M Petrick

Director

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