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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR MEETING
OF AUGUST 9, 2021

Call to Order: President Katherine Guenther at 10:31 AM called the virtual and “in person” meeting to order.

Quorum: It was determined that a quorum was present.

Attendance: Those present: Directors – Katherine Guenther, Betty Johnston, Drew Tracy, Donald Tucker and Ed Hallahan; Shelby Knife, Assistant to District Administrator; District Administrator and Fire Chief, Frankie Petrick.

Agenda changes or additions: None.

Guests: Quinton Smith, Rick Ramsey, Joe Schwab, & Bob Bennett were in attendance.

Public Input: Rick Ramsey introduced himself as the purchaser of the property on W Second St. Ramsey independent of YRFPD hired someone to determine information about the possible fresh water leak that City of Yachats believes to be coming off of Second Street property. Several ideas were brought forward about those leaks. Ramsey would like any information that is available to help solve the problem. Petrick was at YRFPD when Pioneer Telephone had a company trench lines in on West Second St. for underground phone. Petrick will call Pioneer to ascertain what info is available, and pass it on to Ramsey.

Ramsey asked for input from individuals about what they think would be a good use of the property on W Second St. Directors Johnston and Tucker gave their individual opinions.

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 12, 2021 were read and approved as read. The minutes of the Special Meeting of July 22, 2021 were read and approved as read.

Liaison Report: Bennett reported the Emergency Preparedness Committee met on 07-16-2021 to discuss storing requirement needs for City of Yachats for emergency planning. Bennett is still waiting for input from City of Yachats, which may be delayed due to shortage of personnel at City of Yachats. Bennett thanked Knife for his quick response to inquiries.

Correspondence: In late July DLS (the company that built the new station) had an internal audit and determined that DSL did not bill for \$23,468.80 that they were entitled to. Knife and Petrick reviewed all the data and determined that in fact DSL was entitled to the funds and no billing had been received. The funds will be paid out of GO Bond and check #1238 will be cut for the amount owed by YRFPD to DSL.

Equipment Maintenance: No issues to report. Unit 15 is currently located at Corona Ct and Unit 16 at the River Keepers' Station at 7881 Yachats River Rd.

Training Team Report: A new list of training for August will be posted and each shift will work on those items. Some carry over from July still needs to be done.

Activity Report: The month of July saw us with 78 responses. General medicals 25; Mutual aids 14; Ground level falls 9; Car crashes and Burn complaints with 6 each; CPRs 5; Fire alarms with no fire and Public assists with 4 each; Structure fire and Car fire with 2 each; Grass/Beach fire 1. The total number of calls resulting in transport was 20.

District Administrator/Fire Chief Report: Director Tracy asked if we track or can track data about time units leave station, get to scene, time on scene and if a transport occurs, how long before units are once again available. Petrick stated that at this time we do not track that, but feels that we can generate a report on the data we put into the reporting requirement for the state. A sample report will be tried to check that out quickly so data can be used for question and answers concerning upcoming LOTs.

Old Business: Included in ongoing business.

Ongoing Business: Knife informed YRFPD that Marc Mendelsohn accepted the counter offer to be placed in a contingency/back up position and he has spoken with the Mas Vinos, LLC folks as well. If the primary and contingent/back up offers fall through, Mas Vinos, LLC would like to put in another offer.

The closing for the Second St property is scheduled on or before the 24th of September. Ramsey is ready to sign as soon as property in Salem sells.

Ramsey wants to move dirt off the property behind the station to ensure that the siding is above the winter water level in the back yard. Ramsey will provide equipment and labor to that end. President Guenther asked that we contact our realtor to generate appropriate documentation that YRFPD agreed to let that happen. Petrick had no issues about the work. If the deal didn't close, it still would be in the interest of YRFPD to keep water off the bottom edge of the siding.

Petrick asked if there were any additional comments on the Board Policy Manual. As there was none, Director Hallahan moved to adopt the changes in the Board Policy Manual as presented. Director Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Petrick asked if there were any additional comments on the Social Media Policy. As there was none, Director Hallahan moved to adopt the Social Media Policy. Director Johnston seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion of ownership of the website was held. It was determined that YRFPD owns the domain name and is the official website for the district. Expenses to maintain the website will be paid by YRFPD.

President Guenther is in conversation with City of Yachats Mayor about whether the City Council had voted on approving the appraisal and settling on a percentage for the amount of the settlement to City of Yachats to satisfy the 8700 and 8701 deed requirement. President Guenther will advise Petrick prior to the next meeting as soon as possible in case the property sale closing happens before the next meeting.

New Business: Director Tracy is interested in doing something about the 55 MPH sign just to the south of our driveway. There have been several issues over the years about speed signs in Yachats, leaving Yachats and entering Yachats. Drew advised that he would like to try to work on perhaps lowering the speed on the sign by our driveway. Petrick advised that there is a lot involved with moving ODOT signs and requesting zone changes, but as a private citizen he can pursue the issue.

Petrick advised that effective August 13th there will be no outdoor burning in YRFPD due to expectation of Extreme Heat and Drought in the immediate future. This closure could last for an extend period of time. State parks have already closed the beach.

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 12:05 PM. The next meeting will be at 10:30 AM on September 13, 2021.

Minutes written and prepared by _____.
Frankie M Petrick

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