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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR MEETING
OF FEBRUARY 27, 2023

Call to Order: President Katherine Guenther at 10:32 AM called the meeting to order.

Quorum: It was determined that a quorum was present.

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

Agenda changes or additions: None.

Guests: Peter Carlich. Carlich would like to speak under new business.

Public Input: None.

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 13, 2023 were approved as presented.

Liaison Report: None given.

Correspondence: None received.

Equipment Maintenance: Petrick and Knife are still gathering information concerning the pump repair for Unit 15. We have talked to a company that can certify the pump at a lower GPM, but we need more information before we decide if that is the best way to address the issue. Engine 15 is currently at main station and can be used for suppling water to hydrants. We have an engine upriver that can draft. We will continue to research the issue and report at the next meeting any additional information found.

Training Team Report: Training Officer Larmi reported that weekly training is still occurring on our designated drill nights as well as combined drills with Central Coast. FF/Paramedics Rocco and Larmi completed their Advance Cardiac Life Support certification. Rocco completed here Lincoln County Rope Rescue Academy and now begins her probation period. FF/EMT Sanning completed his Apparatus Pumper Operator last month. Sanning taught a CPR Class at the main station on a day with very high call volume that was also the morning after a structure fire. He showed up early for his shift, assisted on the fire scene and “fire guard” duty and then worked his normal shift. His efforts are to be commended.

The Central Oregon Coast Training Officer Association (COCTOA) is hoping to once again bring quality training to fire service in Lincoln County. They have been inactive for several years.

District Administrator/Fire Chief Report: Chief Petrick reported that we had no calls related to the bad weather for the first snow. However, on Monday the 27th the school bus had difficulty turning around at our Riverkeepers Station and FF Larmi responded to help out the bus driver. Some discussion was held about the possible need for a way to mount a small plow on the front of a pickup for small slides and snow. In Oregon the plows for pick-ups are available thru Prison Industries at government pricing. We do not have tire chains for the engines any more, but we have 4 wheel drive on utility vehicles and on the ambulance.

Sumner Fire is giving us a SCBA Compressor that will more easily fill our SCBA Bottles. Sumner Fire did a consolidation and has an extra unit. They heard we were looking for one and weather permitting, we will be picking it up this week. We certainly appreciate their donation.

Old Business: Director Tucker asked at the last meeting about an additional column on the budget report. A percent of budget column was added so the sheet will look different this month. Hopefully this change will make it more usable for the Board.

Ongoing Business: Director Hallahan spoke to the advantages of having a Legislative Advocacy Policy to allow our ability to respond quickly to items that can impact our District. Director Hallahan moved to adopt the draft that is being reviewed by staff and that will be presented at the next meeting. Director Johnston seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Length of Service Award issue was once again opened for discussion. Knife provided a summary of funds paid into the LOSAP since its inception. Questions were asked about the maximum yearly contribution and whether there are funds available to transfer to the individual accounts. Knife will contact the LOSAP representative for more information. Further discussion will continue at the next meeting.

New Business: Guest Peter Carlich was in attendance to address the subject of consolidation of South County Fire Districts. Several years ago, Lincoln County fire districts hired a consultant firm to explore different possibilities. Carlich indicated that folks in each fire district are once again asking the Districts to look at the consolidation effort again. As more information is available Carlich will bring it back to us for review.

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

Adjournment: As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM. The next meeting will be at 10:30 AM on March 13, 2023.

Minutes written and prepared by _____.
Frankie Petrick

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