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SCIO FIRE DISTRICT

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES October 15, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Scio Fire District met at St. 91 located at 38975 SW Sixth Avenue, Scio Oregon.

Board of Directors:

- Paul Dykast, President
- Sioux Ellis, Vice President
- Pat Traeger, Secretary/Treasurer
- Larry Brown, Director
- Katrina Clouse, Director

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Fire Chief Kyle White, Administrative Assistant Amy Watson, Zack Ellis

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Paul Dykast.

ATTENDANCE: Roll called. Quorum established.

FLAG SALUTE: Flag Salute led by President Paul Dykast.

CONSENT AGENDA: Sioux Ellis moved to accept consent agenda which consisted of minutes of September, payment of bills, check review, and 2024-25 expenditure sheet. Katrina Clouse seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Yes – Paul Dykast, Ellis, Larry Brown, Clouse)

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA/ APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chief White would like to add “slip-on units” to old business, “Type 3 brush rigs” and “citizen survey” to new business. Clouse moved to accept the additions made to the agenda. Ellis seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Yes –Dykast, Ellis, Brown and Clouse)

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

STAFF REPORTS:

Chief White –1) We did not get the AFG grant for new air packs 2) We completed the purchase of Stayton’s used SCBA bottles 3) There is a new radio system going online possibly in a few weeks 4) We have received a recent disbursement from FEMA for the SAFER grant for roughly \$60K 5) We have received 2 conflag checks for Cow Valley and Lone Rock – will hold off on transferring to the Equipment Reserve Fund until we are out of cash carry-over phase 6) The district was faced with a private bridge that we weren’t comfortable crossing recently and the chief is considering options for working with landowners

on identifying and classifying those bridges 7) The chief is concerned about dirty gear and has started building a gear dryer so that firefighters can dry their gear faster once it has been washed 8) The chief showed the board members a gas monitor that the district recently purchased using the VFC grant

Administrative Assistant – Amy Watson thanked the board for increasing the petty cash amount. She stated that the district recently had a structure fire on East Lacombe Road and was an all-day event. She was able to buy lunch for the firefighters using the petty cash. In the past, she would have had to use her own money to make this purchase. She wanted to let the board know how much the district appreciates their support.

Volunteer Association – Mark and Terrie Barker talked about the Xmas basket timeline, Halloween open house at Station 91 and 92, Santa Night, and parade.

OLD BUSINESS:

SLIP IN UNITS – Chief White stated that he recently came across a truck that would satisfy the district's needs but he was hesitant to purchase because he hasn't talked with the board about a maximum price. He is looking for a Ford F-450 or F-550 crew cab dually diesel 4x4 with low miles. Ellis asked if the district would surplus a truck if we were to buy another truck. Chief White suggested the district could surplus the 2019 F-150 since it has over 60k miles. Chief White asked the board to authorize him to spend up to \$24,999.

Ellis moved to authorize Chief White to spend up to \$24,999 on said vehicle. Clouse seconded the motion. Motion carried (Yes – Dykast, Ellis, Clouse, Brown)

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2024-08 COW VALLEY CONFLAGRATION PERSONNEL SERVICES

Clouse moved to accept Resolution 2024-08. Ellis seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Yes – Dykast, Ellis, Brown and Clouse)

RESOLUTION 2024-09 COW VALLEY CONFLAGRATION FUTURE EXPENDITURES ERF

Ellis moved to accept Resolution 2024-09. Clouse seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Yes – Dykast, Ellis, Brown and Clouse)

RESOLUTION 2024-10 LONE ROCK CONFLAGRATION PERSONNEL SERVICES

Ellis moved to accept Resolution 2024-10. Clouse seconded the motion. Motion carried (Yes – Dykast, Ellis, Brown, Clouse)

RESOLUTION 2024-11 LONE ROCK CONFLAGRATION FUTURE EXPENDITURES ERF

Ellis moved to accept Resolution 2024-11. Clouse seconded the motion. Motion carried (Yes – Dykast, Ellis, Brown, Clouse)

TYPE 3 BRUSH RIGS – Chief White spent some time talking about the district's 2 Type 3 brush rigs, how they are FEPP (Federal Excess Personal Property) units and are actually owned by the federal government and on loan to the district. Chief White asked the board to keep this in mind as both units recently broke down on a fire and one may require extensive repairs. He said any repairs are the responsibility of the district but the federal government retains ownership. He suggested that the district may want to look at purchasing a newer Type 3 to replace Brush 93, the 1988 International that is stationed at Station 93. No action was taken on this topic.

CITIZEN SURVEY – Chief White told the board that he would like to survey the citizens to find out if the district is meeting their expectations. He said that he would like the board to be involved in coming up

with the survey questions and that the survey should come from the board. He said that the district has many needs and he listed the need for facility improvements and underscored that the district has an aging fleet of apparatus. He stated that the district has a good turnout on alarms during evenings and weekends but during the daytime, many volunteers work out of the area and aren't able to respond. He reiterated that the district only gets income from taxes and responses to conflagrations and neither are keeping up with inflation. He suggested that the district consider an operating levy in the future to increase daytime responders and bolster the aging fleet. No action was taken on this topic.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Zach Ellis agreed with Chief White that the district's Type 3 fleet is tenuous and asked that they consider a newer apparatus to replace the older International.

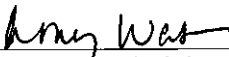
AGENDA SUGGESTIONS: Ellis wants to discuss needs for Stations 91, 92, and 93.

GOOD OF THE ORDER & BOARD COMMENTS: Ellis thanked Chief White for a recent visit he made to a concerned citizen. Clouse would like everyone to know that there will be a parade on December 14th and she encourages the volunteers to attend.

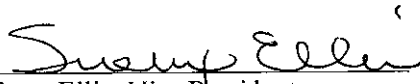
NEXT MEETING: Board Meeting on November 19th, 7 p.m. Station 91 – 38975 SW 6th Avenue, Scio
OR

ADJOURNMENT: Ellis moved, and Clouse seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Submitted by:



Amy Watson, Administrative Assistant



Sioux Ellis, Vice President