

CENTRAL OREGON COAST FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP

AUGUST 12, 2023

1. Call to Order. The Central Oregon Coast Fire & Rescue District Board of Directors Workshop meeting was called to order by President Eckerman at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 12, 2023.

2. Pledge of Allegiance. President Eckerman led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call. Directors present were Zach Akin, Jon MacCulloch, Greg Dunn, Rick Booth, and Reda Eckerman. A quorum was present. Also present were Fire Chief Jamie Mason and Maintenance Officer Erich Knudson.

4. New Business. Goal Setting. Chief Mason brought up the possibility of going for a bond measure in the November election to fund the repairs and upgrades of the current station. A levy of \$.60/\$1,000 would bring in about \$7.5 million. Using the same procedure as Tidewater and doing a lot of the work in-house it could be done for less, although it would take longer. Captain Knudson had a breakdown of costs and timeline for portions of the project. Some parts would have to go out on bid, but it would be done in sections and each completed before going on. A levy of \$7 million could also cover new equipment, allowing a district reset. The project will build 2 extra bays, upgrade living quarters, make pull-through bays, add more storage and more function. It could be done in 3 years and any unused funds returned to the taxpayers. The Sheriff's department and PacWest would be asked to include the remodel in their budgets. The question of paying for the building was raised and the cost is about \$1,000,000 to pay it off. There was also discussion of all the potential problems to be found once any demolition starts to take place. The November election needs a title by the end of the month; otherwise wait until May, which is too close to the main levy. The possibility of consolidating levies needs to be checked out. Mackenzie will be applying again for a seismic grant and that may make it possible to consider a proposal for the May election.

The boat is currently having problems with barnacles at the dock. Mr. Akin raised the possibility of selling the boat and replacing it with two jet skis. Discussion of the inadequacy of the boat, lack of backup, and repair costs. Price of jet skis and how much the boat can sell for will be researched and considered at the next meeting.

Chief Mason wondered about the process to clean up the service lines of the District. This will probably require going to the County Commissioners to see about changing coverage. Discussion of setting up a committee to work with the adjoining districts: Alsea, Seal Rock, and Yachats, to establish cleaner borders of coverage. It would also require a resolution from the City to request that the District cover the city limits.

Mr. MacCulloch wanted to bring a proposal to the City Council to do repairs instead of paying the interest. There are a number of projects that can be undertaken now, such as fixing the front of the building by taking off the brick façade, painting, and new bay doors. Chief Mason will have a list of priorities for the Board to consider.

The question was raised concerning taxation on RV spaces. The owners of RV parks pay taxes but the RVs don't, and there can be as many as 100-150 occupants on the property that are

getting services without paying for them. Following discussion, Mrs. Eckerman will check into the possibility of levying a transient tax. Mr. Booth left at 11:20 a.m.

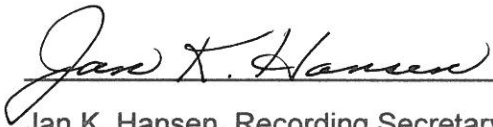
After the audio problems in streaming the last regular Board meeting there was discussion of replacing the equipment. The current equipment came from Information Station and needs to be updated; Captain Knudson will research costs for replacement. There was discussion about using the County Commissioner's form for those who wished to address the Board during meetings and anything that is intended to be read into the record should have a copy available ahead of time.

The current auto aid agreement with Seal Rock and Yachats only covers structure fires; any other response is not covered. Seal Rock still has not signed the mutual aid agreement and there is a question of seeing if Yachats wants to sign a new one. Discussion of setting up a committee to meet with Seal Rock to see if a new agreement can be reached.

5. Good of the Order. None.

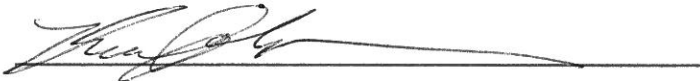
6. Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Board the workshop was adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jan K. Hansen, Recording Secretary

Approved:



Board Chair