

CENTRAL OREGON COAST FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP

APRIL 9, 2024

1. **Call to Order.** The Central Oregon Coast Fire & Rescue District Board of Directors workshop was called to order by President Eckerman at 5:13 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2024.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Mrs. Eckerman led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Roll Call.** Directors present were Reda Eckerman, Jon MacCulloch, Zach Akin, and Greg Dunn; Rick Booth was excused. Also present were Fire Chief Jamie Mason, Maintenance Officer Erich Knudson, and Office Administrator Wendy Rush.

4. **New Business. Goal Setting.** Chief Mason presented the proposed revisions and additions to the district building. The turnout room is moved, the dorm rooms moved, office behind sealed door, bathroom door moved, upstairs dorm rooms moved to have windows, kitchen moved, etc. There will be two double doors to eliminate gaps, and three bays will be pull through. This is the result of seven different concepts. He is proposing capital funding from a bond measure of \$0.60/\$1000 x 25 years for \$7.47M, seismic grant of \$2.5M, for a total project cost of \$9.84M with grant or \$7.47M without. The bond project costs would be Station 72 facility \$5.67M, Station 74 land and building \$500K, Type 1 Engine \$850K, and tender \$450K. The cost to taxpayers for \$0.60/\$1000 assessed value would run: \$300,000 - \$180/yr. or \$15/mo.; \$200,000 - \$120/yr. or \$10/mo.; \$150,000 - \$90/yr. or \$7.50 mo. Currently cheaper than HULU rates. Discussion of election dates, with the suggestion of November 2024 for the bond measure as the optional levy is up for renewal in November 2025 with a proposed increase from \$0.30 to \$0.35/\$1000. As a ballot title needs to be submitted by the end of August this will be on the agenda for discussion at the July meeting.

A proposal for engineering and architectural work had been received, but unless the bond is passed there is nothing to do right now. If it is passed, 60% must be spent in the first three years. The seismic grant is good for 2 years with a 90-day extension. Once ordered, a fire engine takes 2 years to get and a tender 1 ½ years. During construction it was suggested that Captain Knudson could serve as project manager.

Chief Mason provided a copy of North Lincoln Fire & Rescue District #1 Ordinance No. 2024-01 and ORS 478.410 regarding collection of fees, as long as justifiable. This would include the cost of running an engine, personnel time, etc. The ordinance refers to a resolution for fees and rates. Our current resolution will need to be changed to an ordinance and a separate resolution approved for rates.

A copy of Measure 21-198 from the 2020 election was discussed, and the increase in costs that has taken place in these past years. Mr. Booth arrived at 5:51. The current operations levy rate is based on the 2012 budget.

Mr. MacCulloch raised a concern about the current contract with the City for the purchase of the building and the interest payments. Following discussion, it was suggested that there be a joint workshop with the Fire Board and the City Council and this be included on the agenda for next week's regular meeting.

Office Administrator Rush has developed a community poll to see how people feel about the whole idea of Station 72 and whether it should stay where it is and get upgraded, should it be moved out of the tsunami zone and a whole new station built, would they support the bond issue, etc. There were two versions of the poll and it will be discussed and decided at the next meeting. There was also some discussion of how to ensure that there weren't duplicate responses.

5. Good of the Order. None.

6. Adjournment. There being nothing further to come before the Board the workshop was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jan K. Hansen, Recording Secretary

Approved:



Board Chair