

# CENTRAL OREGON COAST FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICT

FEBRUARY 18, 2016

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance: Board Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Roll Call: Board Members Woodruff, Quayle, Phillips, Brooks and Grady answered the roll. A quorum was present.
3. Minutes: The Board considered the minutes from the January 21, 2016 meeting. Mr. Brooks moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Phillips seconded and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.
4. Public Comments/Special Guests: Rick Booth, Station Chaplain, addressed the Board on behalf of the volunteers present about whether the Board was aware of the concerns at staff level, including the future of the ambulance service. Mr. Brooks responded that the Board was indeed aware of the concerns, but no decisions had yet been made on the future of the ambulance service. He explained that currently the ambulance costs are exceeding the run fees, and the Fire budget is having to cover the costs. One of the main factors in this is the fact that the majority of the recipients of ambulance service are Medicare/Medicaid patients, and their coverage only pays a set amount, which is about 1/3 of the actual cost. As the ambulance service is supposed to be self-sufficient, some means of making up the difference needs to be determined. Mr. Grady noted that another issue the Board was facing was that ISO has recently made changes to their rating system and will now require full-time staffing of the upriver stations or homeowner insurance rates will soar. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding funding for the ambulance, the possibility of drafting a ballot measure for a tax levy that could be placed on the May ballot and the impact to taxpayers, and local presence vs privatized service. No decisions were made, but the Board will continue to review the options.
5. Activity Reports: The activity reports were included in the packet materials.
6. Treasurer's Report: The Board accepted the Treasurer's report, and by motion duly made, seconded and passed approve paying the bills.
7. Old Business: None.

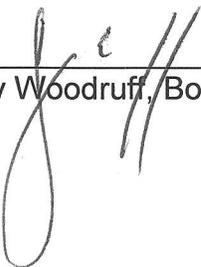
8. Executive Session: At 7:40 p.m. the Board recessed into Executive Session, pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(f) to consider information exempt from disclosure under ORS 192.502 and ORS 192.502(9)(a). At 8:00 p.m. the Board reconvened in Open Session. The topic discussed were negotiations and workplace issues. No decisions were made.
9. New Business: The Board considered Resolution 16-61, regarding designation of authorization for transferring funds from the Umpqua Bank line of credit. Mr. Grady moved to approve Resolution 16-61 and Mr. Brooks seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
10. Good of the Order: The Board decided that a special meeting should be scheduled to discuss the proposed ballot measure for ambulance services. Consensus of the Board was to hold the meeting on February 23 at 5:30 p.m.
11. Adjournment: At 8:05 p.m., there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Reda Q Eckerman, Recording Secretary

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Ray Woodruff, Board Chair