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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR MEETING
OF DECEMBER 9, 2024

Call to Order: President Katherine Guenther at 10:30 AM called the meeting to order.

Quorum: It was determined that a quorum was present.

Attendance: Those present: Directors – Katherine Guenther, Drew Tracy, Doug Myers, Don Tucker and Ed Hallahan; Shelby Knife, Assistant District Administrator; District Administrator and Fire Chief Frankie Petrick.

Agenda changes or additions: None.

Guests: Quinton Smith (Yachats News)

Public Input: None received.

Minutes: The minutes of the November 11th Regular Meeting were approved as corrected.

Liaison Report: None.

Correspondence: The District received notification from WHA that the general liability insurance rates would be increasing by 13% next year.

Equipment Maintenance: Engine 85 is back in service. Tires were ordered for Engine 82, 84 and Tender 84 and will be replaced within the next two weeks.

Training Team Report: YRFPD and SLA are hosting a Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) class on December 21st and 22nd.

Activity Report: The November activity report is attached to these minutes. Director Tucker stated that ambulance transports are up 25% over the previous year.

Safety Committee: The November safety committee minutes are attached to these minutes.

District Administrator/Fire Chief Report: Firehose testing was completed for all the hose minus what was on Engine 85, which was in Hillsboro. Knife will contact National Hose Testing to figure out how to get the apparatus over for testing.

Knife has contacted the attorney about drafting an IGA between COCF&RD and YRFPD for the engine at the Corona Court Station.

YRFPD will be receiving a request from the High Angle Rescue Team for \$2,000 which is an increase from previous requests of \$1500.

The crew will be working on knotweed removal along 101 by cutting and installing a 10 mil layer of polyethylene sheeting. Max has agreed to supply the District with some mulch to place on top of the plastic to kill the knotweed.

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Old Business: None

Ongoing Business: The SLCWPUD agreement was discussed and the board wants to remove any reference to financial support to SWLCWPUD. Director Hallahan moved to accept the SWLCWPUD agreement as presented. Director Myers seconded. Motion passed with 3 “ayes” from Directors Hallahan, Guenther, and Myers, 1 “nay” from Director Tracy and 1 abstention from Director Tucker. A copy of the agreement is attached to these minutes.

Knife presented a board goals tracking sheet which the board liked and will use in the future.

New Business: The Board reviewed the Consumer Price Index, West Region from October 2024 which shows a 2.1% increase over the past year. Director Tracy moved to issue a COLA to personnel of 2.1%. Director Tucker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Ambulance Staffing and Operations Agreement, safety and communications as well as Director Hallahan’s discussion about the relationship between SLA and YRFPD were postponed until the January 13th meeting.

Director Tucker requested fire alarm information be placed on the YRFPD website and would like to have the District send letter to monthly rentals about fire alarms.

Director Tucker would like the Board to press ODOT to install fire station signage along 101 as well as moving the speed limit increase to 55 mph further north. He suggested a committee to further research the issue.

Disbursements: The bills were reviewed by the Board.

Adjournment: As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:44 PM. The next regular meeting will be held at 10:30 AM on January 13, 2025.

Minutes written and prepared by _____.
Frankie Petrick

Director

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