

Sheridan Fire District
Board of Directors
05/14/2024

Attendance: Cory Chrisman, Gary Giddings, Ray Bottenberg, Tammy Heidt

Absent: Peter Gutbrod

Others Present: Chief Thomas, Division Chief Phillip Riggs, Marguerite Alexander

Tammy Heidt called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Approval of the April 9 meeting minutes.

Ray moved to approve the minutes. Cory seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Approval of the April financial report.

Treasurer Gary Giddings made a motion to approve the financials for April. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Public Comments : There were none, and no one was online

Old Business:

1. Brush Remount: The project is 99 percent complete. It will be in service shortly. Then work will begin on BR9 to swap out the pump.
2. Type 3 acquired from the US Forest Service: Will be painted after Memorial Day. It will be painted red. Cost of painting: \$6500. It will be ready in time for fire season.

Chief's Report:

1. We are averaging 30 -35 fire calls per month. (Fires/Public Assists/MVAs/Move-ups/Driveway Inspections.)
2. The Brush Remount has been nicknamed Franken Brush as it has been pieced together.
3. Riggs is selling things on Gov Deals.....things that have been taking up space. Items for sale include a pallet of 1 in. wildland hose with wrong threads, a compressor, a hose reel, an engine hoist, and electric reel –things taking up space that aren't being used.
4. We got the \$35,000 ODF upstaffing grant. We have 5 people who can fill some of the slots which will be 12-hour shifts. Staff will be stationed at St. 9 and maybe one in the substations.
5. We have had a 12 – 15 % increase in runs in the past year but revenue is down as insurance reimbursement continues to drop.
6. Chief is writing a substantial grant from CCO through the county. It will focus on the top three types of calls we respond on and show ways we are addressing those medical issues.
7. Chief attended the YC Commissioners Budget Committee meeting. His request was declined.
8. Rumors are rampant. Tammy suggested we write something to keep the public informed.
9. Chief has met with representatives at the state level regarding the fee for service revenue and its lack of sustainability as the amount of insurance reimbursement continues to drop.
10. Chief met with State Rep. Lucetta Elmer who has recommended Chief write a bill pulling funds from other sources (Lottery funds?). Chief would like to see it focus on helping rural agencies serving 25,000 or less and allow them to tap into those funds.
11. Chief has been in contact with State Rep. Dacia Grayber (From TVF&R) with suggestions on how to proceed.
12. We are still working on an IGA with Sheridan FCI. Tammy said the one she saw merely retyped the old IGA – which is not good. We need them to contribute toward expenses as they don't pay taxes. Chief noted that Salem Fire is being paid \$5 million for covering the state capitol and will use this as a reference. We have the support of the state fire marshal. We are going to continue to chase this thing until we get somewhere with it.

13. One recommendation is that we go out for another fire levy. Cory stated that we can't keep taxing; every two years we would be back where we are. Chief agreed and said the changes need to be made at the state or federal level. Another option is to go with a county-wide fire service. Chief ran the number and it would work.

Community Outreach

It was a busy month which included sending staff to Career Day at the high school, story time at the library, firefighters to the museum to assist with heavy lifting and to Faulconer-Chapman School for Letter F Day. SFD Volunteers and staff partnered with the school district to cook pancakes and eggs for 75 community members. Staff met with PGE representatives to discuss potential electrical outages and crew members taught city staff and volunteers at the cooling center how to identify environmental emergencies and administer Narcan. Chief met with county and state representatives regarding funding challenges and Division Chief Riggs, Board president Tammy Heidt and Marguerite met with officials from Sheridan FCI regarding the need for an updated MOU. Staff also attended the Siletz Tribe grant awards reception at Chinook Winds Casino to receive the check for \$5,416 for new CPR manikins.

New Business:

1. Budget Committee:
 - The Budget Committee will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21.
 - Leo Krick will not be at the budget committee meeting due to a scheduling conflict.
2. 2021-2022 Fiscal Audit:
 - We need to approve the final draft of the fiscal audit for the 2021-2022 FY.
 - We also need to approve the Plan of Action for FY 2021--2022 based on the recommendations of Accuity so we can move forward with the 2022-2023 Audit.

Treasurer Gary Giddings made a motion to approve the final draft of the Accuity Audit and the recommended improvements to send to the state. Cory seconded the motion.

Ray made a motion to approve the final audit to be sent to the state. Cory seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Request from Volunteer Steven Cooley for emergency withdrawal of LOSAP funds.

Gary made a motion for the emergency withdrawal of LOSAP funds for Steven Cooley. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Resolution 2023-24-05: A resolution to close the seismic grant reserve fund and move the remaining funds to the general fund. The motion was read in its entirety.

Ray moved to approve Resolution 2023-24-05. Cory seconded the motion. The motion carried.

For the good of the order: We are completing the OSHA requests. We will take pictures and send them off.

Gary made a motion to adjourn. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:34.

Respectfully Submitted: Marguerite Alexander, Administrative Assistant