

# SEAL ROCK RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting

When: August 17, 2023 5:00 pm/1700 hours

Where: 10349 NW Rand St Seal Rock, Oregon 97376

**Call to Order:** 5:01 pm

**Directors:** all in attendance. David arrived late, but there was a quorum

**Guests:** Chief Ewing, Greg Musil, Jeremy Garbina, Rbt Wood

**Guest Input:** None

Previous month's minutes were approved.

**Agenda approved**

### REPORTS:

**3.1 Treasurer Rimola** said the accounting is being straightened out with our accountant and he offered a report of last mos. The bill paying is being audited by 3 people and a policy is in place. Chief has begun conversations with Tom Wilson Accounting to get it straightened out.

Skip asked if we had a service contract with the accounting firm. We do not. He also asked about audit adjustment on page 3 of balance sheet. Rimola was unsure and Chief Ewing is checking into it. Chief reminded the directors that there many line items that were entered incorrectly and it's being addressed.

**A. Motion to transfer \$99,808.00 from General Local Gov't Investment Pool account to the General Bank Account to pay bills & payroll. Passed unanimously.**

**3.2 Chief's Report:** Chief Ewing went over the run reports from July, showing how busy SRFD and all districts were with house and grass fires, in Toledo , Central Coast and Yachats districts.

- Chris Mills came and offered an all day training with new extrication tools. Skip requested a description of the tools.
- Chief went over the building repairs being made on both Stations, and those coming up in the future. Repair of water leak and septic repairs for Bldg B.

**3.3 Volunteer Report:** Jeremy Garbina reported they've been having excellent volunteer participation on scene for major calls.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**4.1** Chief's evaluation will be done in 2 weeks or sooner and presented to him. Review liability request.

**4.2** Leadership from out of district. Our attorney of record has been consulted, regarding outside incident command functions. This attorney has conflict of interest. Chief is concerned about future interaction with outside incident managers. A change from our past interactions is that we will always take command. Chief Murphy from Newport Fire has agreed to help with command of large incidents if needed.

Central Coast Board has hired a private third-party investigator related to an incident earlier in July that has created some doubt about capabilities and execution of the command function by some outside personal.

Paul has issues with Chief Mason's actions during and after the incident in question. Paul offered his viewpoint of what took place, read from a script he wrote. He doesn't trust the investigation by SDIS – he's skeptical. Kowalski asked if it's best to react vs proact.

Director Pelligrinelli offered the thought that if LGLG can't represent us, the board should at least consult with another atty. If the leadership of a cooperative district is not reliable because of emotional problems or mental inadequacy it should be looked into. Chief said he has contacts for consulting professionals on this subject. Request that Chief Mason should not be allowed to take command in our district? Chief commented that we may no longer need to give outside officer's command.

**Motion was made by David Pelligrinelli that we obtain legal advice on the above subject. Seconded and passed unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Chief's report draft

**BOARD COMMENTS:** None

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Good Meeting!

**ADJOURNMENT:** 17:50 PM