

Seal Rock Rural Protection Fire District Board Meeting

November 18, 2021

Directors Present: Al Anton, Paul Rimola, Tina Fritz, Mike Burt

(position #3 is still open)

The logo for COPV, consisting of the letters 'COPV' in a stylized, bold, sans-serif font. The letters are black with a white outline, giving them a three-dimensional appearance.

Others Present: See attached

Call to Order: President Al Anton called the meeting to order at 6:33pm

Approval of October 2021 board minutes:

- Minutes were approved with a motion from Mike B, seconded by Paul R.

Treasurer's Report:

- Paul Rimola presented a lengthy report on the "State of the District" as well as a 5 year plan for the District. His report suggested solutions to fix areas of concern as well as documentation to support the board's concerns. Copies of both were made available to those present at the meeting.
- Chief Will Ewing spoke on the condition of SR equipment and that doing a weekly check list on equipment including breathing apparatus and the trucks will bring things back where they should be. Paul Highfill verified Ewings observations as to the condition of the equipment. A discussion on the air tanks ensued.

Accountant's Report:

- Tom Wilson presented his monthly report on the finances of the SRFD. We have money coming in from taxes being paid.
- There were no credit card charges for the past month but a large amount of money was deducted from the account due to PERS not having been paid

during this past year, leaving a smaller than normal amount in the expense fund.

- Tina Fritz had questions about the PERS situation.
- A motion was made by Mike B to move money into the account and was seconded by Paul R. It passed.

Organizational Input:

- Paul Rimola read a list of motions he wanted to pass, the first being to make Will Ewing the interim fire chief for Seal Rock Fire District. After objections from Tina F, this motion was made by Al Anton, seconded by Mike Burt. It passed with Tina Fritz being the only opposed.
- Other motions to pass included: to review and change the IGA agreement with Central Coast Fire Chief Mason by Jan.1, 2022 (concerns as stated in the State of the District Report from Paul R) These discussions will last no later than March 31st 2022. Report on this will be due to the board at their December meeting.
- Motions were made by Paul R to engage Fire, Inc as an insurance collection agent. Also to inquire of Central Coast about insurance collections with our firefighters on duty as well as insurance collections within SR limits. These were seconded by Mike B and Al Anton.
- Motion made by Paul R to direct Will Ewing and Al A to start gathering info on new or used engines. They are to report back to the Board at the Dec meeting on their preliminary results. This was seconded by Mike B and passed.
- Tina Fritz announced that she has filed a formal complaint against Will Ewing to have him dismissed.
- Resolution 21-050 was read by Will Ewing which addressed billing incidents which occur in our fire district by out of area residents. Motion was made by Paul R to adopt this, seconded by Mike B. It passed.

Old Business:

- Beginning in December the Board Meeting will be changed to the 3rd Thursday at 5:00pm. This was objected to by Tina Fritz because it conflicts with her schedule and other Board Meetings. However, it passed after a motion was made by Al A and was seconded by Paul R.
- The open seat on the Board has had two applicants and will be decided by the December Board Meeting.
- The cluster mailbox situation for SRFD (and others) was brought up-to-date by Lynda Engle. The boxes are still 2-3 weeks away from delivery, out of Wisconsin. A phone call is being made weekly to stay on top of them. The issue seems to be a matter of the company having difficulty getting materials.

Chief's Report:

- Subjects Will Ewing discussed were: ISO, local resident issues he's dealt with, a response review of calls, and that maintenance of vehicles has begun.

Public Comments:

- Mickie had questions as to who gets billed for accidents in our district. She also expressed concern about the fact none of the firefighters stay at the accommodations for them at the Bayshore station.
- Tom expressed his thought that the paid ff should be busy in our own District. Also, asked what the volunteer ff would be assisting the paid ff with.
- Wes F brought up that one should make sure the driver's licenses are checked and not just license plates on vehicles when determining whether incident recovery is warranted.
- Lyle B gave a volunteer's equipment check update.

- Paul H expressed his thoughts on why the SRFD lost it's volunteers under the previous chief and how they were treated by the previous Board. He asked Tina F to resign due to lack of trust in her ability to be a fair board member. She refused to resign.

Board Comments:

- Tina provided a 3 page letter to the Board and attending public regarding her experience and feelings on Will Ewing.
- Mike B commented on the returning volunteers and how they will be skill tested as well as have training with Central Coast Fire. A calendar of their training schedule will be posted on the SRFD website. He is confident that the volunteers, although older than the paid ff, can still do the job and support the paid team.
- Tina questioned whether a board member can also be a volunteer firefighter. This went unanswered by end of the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02