

CENTRAL OREGON COAST FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

August 5, 2021

1. Call to Order. The special meeting of the Central Oregon Coast Fire & Rescue District was called to order by President Buster Pankey at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 5, 2021.

2. Pledge of Allegiance. President Buster Pankey led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call. Directors present were Buster Pankey, Reda Eckerman, Todd Holt, Kathryn Menefee, and Kevin Battles was running late. A quorum was present.

4. New Business. Levy Proposal

Chief Mason presented the board with 3 options for the serial levy that is set to expire next June. Discussion on the different options; It was agreed to not renew the levy but to change the levy to cover for more firefighters. 5:37pm Kevin Battles arrived. Discussion continued on what amount the levy should be. Kathryn was concerned about the need of apparatus, Holt concerned about not having Labor to put on apparatus. Lt. Knudson explained that the best equipment is at the main station and has implemented a preventive maintenance program that is more thorough than the district has had in the past. Concerns about asking too much of taxpayers would cause the levy to fail. Short discussion on the IGA with Seal Rock helping with staffing. It was consensus that the decision needs to be made as if the IGA wasn't there. Everyone agrees that the IGA needs to stay in place. A 5-year operational Levy was proposed to hire more firefighters. The amount was then discussed and agreed that it should not be raised at this time. Kevin asked what the benefit of hire more firefighter under a higher rate would be. Chief Mason explained that it could mean the difference of how many are staffed on an engine. Right now, it is 2 on two shifts and 3 on another. With more firefighters it could balance that out. Without the IGA it puts it back to 1 person on the engine for 2 shifts and that is a safety issue. A motion was made by Kathryn to change the existing serial levy to an operational levy at the same rate of .25/1000, Todd seconded, motion passed. Chief Mason will get paperwork into the County Clerk.

5. Good of the Order. Kevin appreciates the forethought of Chief Mason to give the board the information needed to make a better decision. Kathryn agreed, the more information the better to make informed decisions. Buster stated that he glad to see the maintenance getting under control as it is a huge cost prevention.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6: p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Rush Knudson, Office Administrator

Approved:

Board Chair

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