

Regular Board Meeting
Corbett Fire District #14
Board of Directors
November 17, 2021

Present: Chair Shannon, Vice-chair Purvine, Secretary/Treasurer McHenry and Director Weber

Late Arrival: Director Weber @ 6:35 p.m.

Absent: Director Brothers

Staff: Fire Chief Dave Flood and Office Administrator Heidi Timberman

Guests: Assistant Chief Brent Younker, Assistant Chief Rick Wunsch, Captain Daren Martin, Captain Troy Snelling, Lieutenant Vance Rogers, Volunteer Association President Joe Fahlman, Volunteer Association Secretary/Treasurer Jasmine Zimmer-Stucky, Firefighters Jake Kerlake, Dave Selden and Tim Sherman, Malcolm Fruend and Gary Purvine

The Board Meeting was opened at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Shannon and turned over to Fire Chief Flood for the Badge Ceremony

Badge Ceremony

Fire Chief Flood welcomed all in attendance for the COVID-19 delayed ceremony. He administered the Firefighter Oath and presented badges to new firefighters Kerlake, Parker, Purvine, Reams, Revel, Sconce and Wardle. A short recess followed for refreshments.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes

Chair Shannon asked if anyone had any comments on the October 11, 2021 Board Meeting minutes. There were no comments.

Vice-chair Purvine made a motion the October 11, 2021 Board Meeting minutes be approved as presented.

Secretary/Treasurer McHenry seconded.

All in favor, motion carried.

(4 yes votes: M. McHenry, V. Purvine, D. Shannon & F. Weber; 0 no votes)

Monthly Financial Review

Office Administrator Timberman presented the October 2021 financial reports. All funds are within adopted budget appropriations for the fiscal year. The LGIP interest rate remains at .45% as of October 13. There were no unusual or unplanned expenditures for October. We received reimbursement for the Wrentham Market Conflagration on November 8; the board will be appropriating those funds in a resolution later in the meeting. There has been no update on reimbursements for the Bootleg or Patton Meadow Conflagrations. Fire Chief Flood reported that the base cost of replacement Engine 62 has risen \$41,000 in a year. The cost of our lease is about \$22,000. The decision to finance the purchase of this rig has already resulted in a nice amount of savings; the total at the end of the lease should be quite substantial. The next rig we purchase out of general funds will be a replacement for Engine 63 in 2029.

Audience Testimony

None

7:15 p.m. Convened Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(a) to consider applications for the position of Fire Chief

7:30 p.m. Reconvened Regular Meeting

Fire Chief Recruitment

Secretary/Treasurer McHenry made a motion to offer the position of Fire Chief to Assistant Chief Rick Wunsch.

Vice-chair Purvine seconded.

All in favor, motion carried.

(4 yes votes: M. McHenry, V. Purvine, D. Shannon & F. Weber; 0 no votes)

Secretary/Treasurer McHenry made a motion to reluctantly accept the resignation of Dave Flood as Fire Chief.

Director Weber seconded.

All in favor, motion carried.

(4 yes votes: M. McHenry, V. Purvine, D. Shannon & F. Weber; 0 no votes)

The position was accepted by AC Wunsch. Chair Shannon stated that the transition is effective at this moment. We will have a formal swearing in ceremony at our December 8 regular board meeting. OA Timberman will provide compensation information to FC Wunsch.

Facilities

Former FC Flood presented his conceptual plan for the bond we are planning to go out for. He is recommending an earthquake proof, web steel, approximately 50' x 80' building adjacent to Station 62 to house Engine 62, WT 62, Rescue 62 and Brush 62. It includes a spare bay, ADA bathroom, furnace/ water heater/laundry room and workout room. A training tower is planned to be situated to north of the replacement drain field. Station 62 will be reconfigured to create a larger supply room, a day room for firefighters, new front door for public access and public parking space. It will house Engine 64, Squad 62 and Utility 62; it will also have an additional bay. There would also be some improvements made to the fire hall. He is also recommending an earthquake proof, web steel, approximately 20' x 50' building adjacent to Station 61 to house Engine 61 with separate living quarters similar to Station 63. We will have to put in a septic system which will be expensive. There are a couple of rigs that would be a component of this proposal. The first would be a 2,000 gallon, 4-wheel drive water tender to give us a little more resilience in the winter and that we would send out on conflagration. Also included is the replacement of Rescue 62. It is too big and tall for most of our rural residential driveways, is not 4-wheel drive and frankly not safe for transporting our firefighters. The replacement would likely be a lightly used, 4-wheel drive F-350 with a service body similar to what an HVAC or plumbing company might use. Ballpark construction costs, courtesy of Eric Eaton, are probably in the \$500 per square foot range. We have an offer from Peter Fry, Land Use Consultant, to assist us, gratis, through this project. Former FC Flood believes we are looking at a \$3 to \$4 million bond over a period of 20 years. He has made contact with a bond consultant and has learned a lot already. In addition, it would be very nice to get some more cisterns in the district specifically at the end of Trout Creek Rd., in Bridal Veil, at Haines and Brower and upper Larch Mtn. Rd. Next steps are to bring in senior leadership to discuss the details. He will contact both Peter Fry and the bond consultant for their input.

2020-2021 Audit - Presentation of Final Audit Report

Office Administrator Timberman reported we have received the Final Audit Report with the minor corrections the auditor noted at last month's meeting. The auditor also confirmed that the amount of earnings reported is accurate. Secretary/Treasurer McHenry made a motion to accept the Final Audit Report. Director Weber seconded.

All in favor, motion carried.

(4 yes votes: M. McHenry, V. Purvine, D. Shannon & F. Weber; 0 no votes)

SCBA's

Former FC Flood reported that the NW Regional rep for MSA was out with our local L.N. Curtis rep. Our SCBA's are now working. They also went through and updated all of the software on them. He believes the issue has been resolved for now and is reasonably confident that will have better luck in the future getting any problems resolved quickly.

BOEC

Former FC Flood reported that Bob Cozzie, Director of BOEC, would like to speak to the board at next month's meeting and give a presentation and talk about what is going on there and what he thinks the future holds. Plan for about a 15-minute presentation followed by 30 - 40 minutes of Q&A. We are also working on 311, the new non-emergency number that still does not work out in rural East County.

General Orders #13, #17 and #19 Updates

Former FC Flood presented the updates to General Orders #13, #17 and #19 as requested by Chair Shannon at last month's meeting. These updates are effective January 1, 2022.

Resolution #2021-05 - Recognizing Receipt of Wrentham Market Fire Conflagration Reimbursement

The Board received a copy of the proposed resolution to recognize the receipt of the reimbursement for the Wrentham Market Fire Conflagration.

Secretary/Treasurer McHenry made a motion to adopt resolution #2021-05 as presented.

Vice-chair Purvine seconded.

All in favor, motion carried.

(4 yes votes: M. McHenry, V. Purvine, D. Shannon & F. Weber; 0 no votes)

Chief's Report

Calls in October - We had three significant calls last month: 14-year-old boy died after a tree fell on him at a tree planting event at Thousand Acres; a woman on Loudon Rd not breathing and at the same time a mother and 2-year-old fell from a trail at Multnomah Falls to the creek below - we were light on members so requested mutual aid from Gresham

Engine 62 - Delivery pushed out to February/March due to labor and supply issues

Fire Pump Testing - Planned for next week, usually takes place in the Spring

Firewise Community Program – Met with group in Bridal Veil

Lights & Radios – Installation on Brush Units and Utility is complete

New Recruits – 8 new recruits are training on ladders tonight; all are doing very well; DeBlock has taken a bigger role in leading trainings for this academy; Chair Shannon asked about senior leadership's role in checking on members, particularly our new people, after traumatic call responses – a chief officer always follows up on these calls, we also refer to the EAP

Items not on Agenda

Former FC Flood thanked the fire district for giving him one of the more wonderful opportunities in his work life. He has really enjoyed being Fire Chief and feels honored beyond belief that he got to lead the department for a little over six years. He is very proud of the department, all of the people in it and what he has been able to help accomplish. Chair Shannon thanked him and told him we are honored to be associated with him.

Agenda Suggestions for Future Meetings

None

Chair Shannon adjourned the Board Meeting at 9:10 p.m.