

Crooked River Ranch RFPD
6971 SW Shad Rd
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Special Board Meeting
July 26th, 2023

A special Board Meeting of the Crooked River Ranch Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors took place on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at the Crooked River Ranch Fire District Fire Station, located at 6971 SW Shad Road, Crooked River Ranch Oregon.

Special Board Meeting

1. Called to Order by Director Norberg at 6:30 p.m. Directors Norberg, Palmer, Pahl, Costigan and Gayheart were in attendance. Fire Chief Sean Hartley, Captain Adam Wiley, and Firefighter/Paramedic Laura Waldron were also present. Administrative Assistant, Dana Schulke was excused from the meeting. Public in attendance: Randy Peterson.

1.2 **Flag Salute:** by Director Palmer

2. **Discussion/Approval of Resolution 2023-03 for replacing the Five-Year Local Option Levy on the November 2023 ballot** - Chief Hartley stated that after last week's meeting, the Board agreed on the \$1.17 increase to put on the November ballot. He has drafted the Resolution with the correct verbiage, along with the attached exhibit. He has also drafted the Request for Ballot form to send to Jefferson County, once the Resolution is approved. If Jefferson County decides to put together a voter's pamphlet, the exhibit will have the necessary verbiage to explain the need for the increase for the District. Chief Hartley will post on our website. He will also email the Board the information we received back from our attorney, which is a guide for the Board on what they can and cannot talk about when it come to the Levy. We will be reviewing this Guidebook with all District personnel, as this is really necessary for everyone to be on the same page.

Chief Hartley stated there was a question from Ranch Peterson from last week's meeting, in regard to the tax rates from other Districts. Redmond Fire is just over \$2.02 which is their base rate. They will be asking for a .48 increase in November. Black Butte Fire is currently at \$3.02. Jefferson County Fire and EMS is currently at \$1.18 which is their permanent tax rate. They are considering going out for an increase as well and starting a Local Option Levy, which they do not have at this time. La Pine Fire is currently at \$2.40, and Crook County Fire & Rescue has a permanent tax rate of \$1.59. They do not have a Local Option Levy, but they are receiving heavy donations from the Facebook and Apple Data Centers. Sunriver Fire is at \$3.30 per one thousand of assessed value. They are considered a service district for Fire and Police. Sisters Fire has a permanent tax rate of \$2.73 per one thousand and they are looking to possibly get a Bond for Capital improvements within the next couple of years. The big piece for our District is that we do not have the commercial tax base like the other Districts do, so our assessed value will be lower.

Director Norberg asked if any of the Board Directors had any further questions. She stated it will be really good for our attorney or Spencer from SDAO to come and speak about the dos and don'ts on this topic. Discussion and comments ensued between the Board and Chief Hartley regarding some of the verbiage in the Resolution. There was discussion on making a slight change in the last paragraph and what can be spoken about in regard to voting.

Director Norberg asked if there were any questions from the public. Randy Peterson had a question regarding the Ranch having a big fire and air tanker assistance from State and Federal resources in the national Grasslands, which surround Crooked River Ranch. Chief Hartley clarified this question for Mr. Peterson.

Director Pahl made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-03 for replacing the Five-Year Local Option Levy at \$1.17 per thousand assessed of value, to be on the November 2023 ballot as written. Director Palmer seconded the motion. All Board members voted "yes", motion and vote passed, (5-0).

Chief Hartley stated he will make the revisions on the verbiage on the Exhibit and get he will the form into Jefferson County to put this on the ballot.

3. Adjournment by Director Norberg at 6:58 pm

Respectfully,
Dana Schulke
Administrative Assistant