



CROOKED RIVER RANCH FIRE & RESCUE

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Notice of Special Board Meeting

The Crooked River Ranch Rural Fire Protection, District Board of Directors, will hold a Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at 6:30 AM. The Special Board Meeting will be held at the fire station located at 6971 SW Shad Road, Crooked River Ranch, Oregon. Virtual access to this meeting can be found through the Zoom platform, by accessing our website, @ www.crrfire.org/meetings. The meeting is accessible to people with disabilities and will be recorded. Requests for other accommodations should be made to Crooked River Ranch Fire & Rescue at 541-923-6776 at least 48 hours before the meeting.

Board of Directors

Kay Norberg, President (Position 2)
David Palmer, Vice President (Position 3)
Joseph Costigan, Secretary (Position 4)
Brad Pahl, Treasurer (Position 1)
Cole Gayheart, Jr., (Position 5)

District Staff

Fire Chief, Sean Hartley
Admin. Assistant, Dana Schulke

Special Board Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order - Director Norberg
 - 1.1. Roll Call by Director Costigan
 - 1.2. Flag Salute - Director Palmer
2. Discussion/Approval of Resolution 2023-03 for replacing the Five-Year Local Option Levy on the November 2023 ballot. – Director Norberg
3. Adjournment – Director Norberg

(In accordance with ORS 192.660, the Crooked River Ranch Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors may convene in executive session at any time)

Note: Regular Monthly Board meeting will be held as scheduled at 6:30 PM on Thursday, August 17, 2023.



BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
CROOKED RIVER RANCH
RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

JEFFERSON AND DESCHUTES COUNTIES, OREGON

In the matter of: Placing a Five-Year
Local Option Levy on the November
2023 Ballot

RESOLUTION:

2023-03

WHEREAS, the Crooked River Ranch Rural Fire Protection District (the District) Board of Directors having reviewed the financial condition of the District, finds a need for additional funding beyond the permanent taxing rate; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the voters of the District should be asked to fund the needs of the District through a five-year local option levy at a rate of \$1.17 per \$1,000 of assessed value, which will be needed for providing emergency services and addresses the increasing cost for personnel and operating costs of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District has prepared a Ballot Title to place the local option levy on the November 7, 2023 election with an effective date of July 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the District has prepared the accompanying Explanatory Statement as required for inclusion in the voters' pamphlet; and

WHEREAS, the Ballot Title must be published in a local newspaper to give notice of the Ballot Title before the Notice of Measure Election can be completed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CROOKED RIVER RANCH RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

1. The Board hereby approves referring a measure to the District's voters to establish a local option levy at the rate of \$1.17 per \$1,000 of assessed value starting July 1, 2024.
2. The Board authorizes the Fire Chief to sign and submit Form SEL805 – Request for Ballot Title, which shall be substantially similar in form to the document attached to this resolution as Exhibit A, to the County Clerk of Jefferson County ("County Clerk"), Oregon, the District's Elections Officer.
3. The County Clerk is directed to publish notice of proposed measure in the manner required by law and complete the ballot title challenge process.
4. The Board authorizes the Fire Chief, upon completion of the ballot title period, to complete the SEL803 – Notice of Measure Election – District in accordance with applicable laws.
5. The Board approves the explanatory statement, attached to this resolution as Exhibit B, for publishing in the voters' pamphlet, if the County publishes a voters' pamphlet for the November 2023, election.

INTRODUCED and ADOPTED

Wednesday, July 26th, 2023

ATTEST:

**CROOKED RIVER RANCH
RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

By: _____
Kay Norberg, Board Director

By: _____
David Palmer, Board Director

By: _____
Joseph Costigan, Board Director

By: _____
Brad Pahl, Board Director

By: _____
Cole Gayheart, Board Director

Crooked River Ranch Rural Fire Protection District
dba Crooked River Ranch Fire & Rescue
Measure No. TBD

Explanatory Statement

What services does Crooked River Ranch Fire & Rescue provide?

Crooked River Ranch Fire & Rescue (the District) is the first responder for fire and medical emergencies in its service area providing fire suppression, fire prevention, technical rope rescue, and basic and advanced life support ambulance service. It is staffed by six career and twenty-one volunteers that are firefighters, paramedics, and EMTs.

Who does the District Serve?

Crooked River Ranch Fire & Rescue provides emergency response services to residents and visitors of the 16.4 square miles of Crooked River Ranch. The District responded to over 600 calls in 2022 for the District's approximate 5,500 residents and to many visitors to the area.

How is the District Funded

The District is funded primarily through a property tax base, including an existing local option levy of \$0.89 per \$1,000 of assessed value that will expire June 30, 2024. In addition, it receives revenue from ambulance billing. If approved, the new five-year local option levy would supplement the permanent tax base.

How would levy funds be used?

Funds would be used to maintain the District's current level of response to fire and medical emergencies, including those requiring ambulance transport. Population growth and an aging population have contributed to a 36% increase in total call volume over the last 10 years and a 66% increase in emergency medical calls over the last 10 years. Passage would help ensure continued response to each emergency with fully trained firefighter/paramedics at all hours of the day and night.

If approved, the levy would:

- Allow the District to maintain two grant funded firefighter/paramedics and add a third firefighter/paramedic, bringing each of the three shifts to two career firefighter/paramedics. These additional firefighter/paramedics will ensure the District has the flexibility to respond to the increasing number of emergency medical service calls and more often meet national standards on minimum staffing for structure fires.
- Support the increasing demand for response to wildland and structure fires.
- Help the District cover the increasing costs of providing emergency services.
- Help the District save for future capital equipment replacement costs.

What is the cost to property taxpayers?

The local option levy would be at a fixed rate of \$1.17 per \$1,000 of assessed value (assessed value is different than market value). The cost of the levy for property assessed at \$200,000 would be \$234.00 a year or \$19.50 per month.

What if the levy is not approved?

If the five-year local option levy is not approved, the additional firefighter/paramedics would not be able to be maintained and response times would increase to certain emergencies. As the District's population continues to grow, Crooked River Ranch Fire & Rescue will not be able to keep up with the demand for emergency services and will need to see additional funding measures or change the way services are delivered.

Need more information?

Visit the District's website at <http://www.crrfire.org>.