



SOUTH LANE COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE
*"Making a positive difference in the community
Through service to others"*

January 21, 2021

6:00 p.m.

After due and legal notice, the Work Session Meeting was called to order by Board President Cheryl Shannon.

PRESENT: Joel Higdon, Cheryl Shannon, Tom Munroe and Dan Duffy by phone.

OTHERS PRESENT: Leesa Martindale, Chief Raade and Damien with the CG sentinel.

Open Board Position:

Board President Cheryl Shannon welcomed all 4 people that emailed their interest for Board Position #4. Cheryl advised all the candidates that they would each have 5 minutes to answer the selected 4 questions that they received a copy of before tonight's meeting.

Chris Holloman: Chris was the first person to be interviewed by the Board of Directors. Chris has lived in the district since 1975 he formerly owned and operated Holloman Ford for 23 years employing between 35-50 people in the downtown area. Chris said he has always been a big supporter of the Fire District. Chris said he has served on several Boards currently and in the past so he is really familiar with budgets. Chris said he is also familiar with the boundaries of the district since he has lived here for so long.

Deborah Stumph: Deborah has lived in Cottage Grove for the last 20 years and is currently the day time Charge nurse at the Cottage Grove Hospital where she has worked the last 20 years. She said it has been her pleasure to be able to work with the staff of the Fire Department. Deborah said she has raised her children and feels like it is now her time to give back to the community. Deborah said she is very familiar with the District's boundaries. Deborah also said she is familiar with the various Community outreach programs that the Fire District does like, Breakfast with Santa, Toys for Tots, and Movie Night.

Kenneth Roberts: Kenneth said that he loves his town and community he said he knows that South Lane County Fire & Rescues Mission is to "Protect Life, Property and the Environment through Quality Service". Kenneth said that he has been serving on the SLCFR Budget Committee the last 2 years and is very familiar with the Budget and before COVID hit he was coming to the Board Meetings regularly. Kenneth is currently a City Counselor and is also on multiple other committees and boards. Kenneth said he knows where all 4 of the Fire Stations are and has been to all of them. Kenneth said he would like the chance to be appointed but if he doesn't, he does plan on running in May for this position.

Erik Benson: Erik has lived in the SLCFR district since 1999. Erik has over 30 years of service in the Army Reserve and his current position is the 76th operation Response Command, headquartered in Salt Lake City UT. He is currently Assistant Chief of Staff. Erik is also currently the Vice President for the Cottage Grove Lions Club and has been a member for over 25 years. Erik said that his retirement date with the Army Reserve is September 1, 2021 and he would love to continue to be engaged and serve on a board locally.

The Board thanked all the candidates and told them that they would reach out to them if and when they made a decision in the Board Meeting that was to follow directly after this meeting. The Board of Directors had a quick discussion on each candidate and moved to end the Work Session with a quick break before the Board Meeting was to start.

Work Session Adjourned at 6:37 pm