

**Crooked River Ranch RFPD
6971 SW Shad Rd
Terrebonne, OR 97760-9250**

**Board Workshop Meeting
January 18, 2018**

A Board Workshop meeting of the Crooked River Ranch Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors took place on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 2:00 pm at the Crooked River Ranch Fire District Fire Station, located at 6971 SW Shad Road Crooked River Ranch, Oregon.

Board Workshop Minutes

1. Called to Order by Director Bengtson at 2:01 pm. Directors Bengtson, Kirk, Oakley, Meredith and Dille were present. Also present were Fire Chief Harry Ward, Assistant Fire Chief, Sean Hartley, Administrative Assistant, Dana Schulke and Captain Tom Fast. Assistant Fire Chief, Mark Wilson arrived at 2:10 p.m. Members of the public in attendance, Tina Wilson.
2. Discussion on Levy Increase for November 2018 – Fire Chief, Harry Ward opened the workshop by stating he would like to pin down an amount for the Levy increase in November. He passed out an Excel spreadsheet to the Board which showed a progressive increase with various monetary amounts. If the number we choose does not pass in November, we have another chance to go for an increase in May 2019. Director Dille asked if there were other capital equipment needs (besides an Ambulance) that we will need to factor in. Chief Ward stated that we would be able to file for another AFG grant in the future for another Ambulance. He also stated that now that our building is in the age bracket it is, we can find out if we qualify for an exhaust system in the Bay by applying for an AFG grant next year. Assistant Fire Chief Mark Wilson stated that he is playing the devil's advocate and said in his opinion there is no need to increase our levy amount. We should be able to maintain our budget as is with a few tweaks. He stated that many residents on the Ranch are on fixed incomes and will not be able to afford the increase. There are also too many other taxes that will be increased at the same time and, it will be a huge shock to the residents. Director Meredith stated that it would be a balancing act to juggle the increase. Director Oakley stated we should give the increase a try and do our best to sell it. Director Kirk stated he would like a goal to set aside funds for other capital needs. It was agreed upon that we will go for an additional .20 to our .69 current amount, which will bring us to .89 cents for the November 2018 ballot. Chief Ward also stated that the Union will have funds set aside to assist us with marketing. There were no other questions or concerns.
3. Adjournment by Director Bengtson at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully,
Dana Schulke
Administrative Assistant