

JOINT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
FERRY COUNTY 3/STEVENS COUNTY 8

**MINUTES**

**November 10, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Joint Fire Protection District Ferry County District 3/Stevens County District 8 was called to order at 6:30p.m, on November 10, 2011, at the District Office by Chairman Helen Sowards. Present: Commissioners Helen Sowards, Susan Dechant, Kent Dickinson, Steve Benell, Robert Lee Chief Herb Hippler, Secretary Peter Holter-Mehren, and Purchasing Agent Mark Stevens.

**Minutes**

Minutes of October 13, 2011 were discussed.

**Motion, Dickinson, to pass minutes of October 13, 2011. seconded by Benell m/s/p**

**Communications to the Board**

Luke Schroder, new owner of the Whispering Pines, now called North Lake Roosevelt RV Park discussed his plans for expansion including 25 full hook-ups and (2) day cabins, and asked the Chief for a letter okaying this work.

**Correspondence**

A letter from Enduris Insurance Pool was read detailing some extra disability benefits available to our volunteers at no extra cost to the district. Copies of this letter will be made available to all volunteers.

**Budget Report**

Commissioner Dechant presented a current budget report. She reports that all accounts look good.

Various written reports were given to the Commissioners using the BIAS system.

Commissioner Dechant gave a report on the recent State Audit and the exit interview.

She then presented the final 2012 Budget

**Motion, Dickinson, to adopt the 2012 Budget, seconded by Lee. m/s/p. A formal resolution will be forthcoming at the December Board Meeting.**

**Vouchers**

Vouchers were discussed. **Motion Dechant, to approve vouchers, seconded by Benell.**

**m/s/p.**

VOUCHERS AUDITED AND CERTIFIED BY THE AUDITING OFFICER AS REQUIRED BY RCW 42.24.080 and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been made available to the board.

As of this date November 11, 2011 the board by a unanimous vote, does approve for payment those vouchers included in the above list and further described as follows: (funds) voucher numbers 2011252 through 2011348 in the total amount of \$37,541.54 with Commissioner Dickinson abstaining from the vote on voucher for the Barstow Store (warrant #243630).

**Committee Reports**

**Buildings:** Mark Stevens reported on the Sand Creek sink problem and the solutions being worked on. All plumbing should be done very soon.

The electric heat system has been installed in Orient Station and is working successfully.

**Communications:** The easement for land to move the repeater onto has been received and will be worked on with the landowner this month. Herb will orchestrate getting a second battery installed at the current repeater site to lengthen our operating time during periods of no sun.

**Recruitment** – Commissioner Sowards. No new volunteers. Steve and Peter talked with the Board about going into Kettle Falls H.S. on a recruitment program. This will take place after the first of 2012.

**Motion, Sowards, to have a school recruitment program administered by Steve and Peter, seconded by Dechant.**

**Fire Safety** – Commissioner Dickinson. No report

**Insurance-** Commissioner Benell. Steve reported on the recent WFCM Conference. He also reported that he and Peter will be doing inventories of each station in conjunction with each Station Captain.

**Chiefs Report:** October to November 2011

Winter is coming, I have instructed my station captain to winterize all equipment and check all tire chains. At our last officer meeting we had a discussed about engine 3864 (1981) pierce engine. Late this spring we moved this engine from Gallo's to Sand creek station. Over the winter months a mouse built a nest on top of the engine and once it arrived at Sand Creek the nest caught fire. It destroyed the distributor, all hoses and wiring on the engine. I had my maintenance office look at it, he said that he did not have the time to fix the engine and suggested that we turn it into our insurance for coverage.

This will require a heavy tow truck, looking around \$1100 to bring to town and about \$2000 in repairs. The vehicle last pump test was all it could do to pass the test. I estimate its current value w/o the damage to be around 6-8 thousand dollars. We are in the process of turning the 2000 freightliner into a tender engine making this vehicle obsolete, so I would like to surplus this vehicle due to this damaged condition.

The new electric heater is in operation at the Orient station, the heating oil tank is full, I spoke with the captains at Barney and Tipton, once their tanks get low we will transfer the fuel to their stations.

Snow plow for 3819, I would like to purchase a snow plow for 3819, last year we paid out over \$800 in snow removal services. After three years' time the plow would have paid for itself.

We are going forward w/ the 2011 structure fire training, with a class size of six students.

The phase two grant has been submitted for the dry hydrants, award notice to be announced in January 2012. Spoke with Dan Johnson of the WSP about our grant. He gave me a contact name and number for a lady who works for the National Park Service. He said if we let them come on board with this project it will cut out allot of red tape.

The final check for the 2011 state MOB fire season has arrived, this year our gross was #16,276.75 \$10,682.50 was made by the tender and \$5,574.25 by the engine logging in over 192.5 hours total

**Motion, Dechant, to surplus 3864-2943, the pumper truck currently at Sand Creek Station, seconded by Dickinson.m/s/p**

**Medical Officer's Report:** No report

**Open Issues:**

- Annexation of the Deadman Creek

**Motion, Dechant, to pass Resolution 2011-5, to annex the Deadman Creek Area into the Fire District per map and parcels attached to the resolution, seconded by Sowards. m/s/p**

- Barstow Station addition: The forms are all done for the floor pad, now awaiting good weather.
  - Barney's Sign. The sign is about completed and will be hung at the station as soon as possible.
- Newsletter. To be finalized and sent out as possible.

**New Issues**

- Access to the Training Center was discussed. Locks will be changed. In addition, all combination locks on all stations will be changed at Station Meetings this month.

**Motion, Dickinson, to re-key Training Center and maintain strict control over the new keys, seconded by Benell. m/s/p**

- Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner

**Motion, Dickinson, to purchase meats for dinner up to the amount allowed in the original resolution, seconded by Sowards. m/s/p**

**Adjournment: 9:30 pm on Motion by Lee, seconded by Dickinson. m/s/p**

Respectfully submitted:

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Peter Holter-Mehren, Secretary

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Helen Sowards, Chairperson