

JOINT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
FERRY COUNTY 3/STEVENS COUNTY 8

MINUTES

December 8, 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, Chief Herb Hippler, Secretary Peter Holter-Mehren, and Purchasing Agent Mark Stevens.

Minutes

Minutes of November 10, 2011 were discussed.

Motion, Dickinson, to pass minutes of November 10, 2011. seconded by Benell m/s/p

Communications to the Board

Correspondence

The easement regarding the Kelly Rucker property was discussed and signed by the commissioners.

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.

All accounts look good with the last of the taxes coming in

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 December 8, 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 2011349 through 2011381 in the total amount of \$37,541.54 with Commissioner Dickinson abstaining from the vote on voucher for the Barstow Store (2011349).

Committee Reports

Buildings: The certificate of occupancy for Sand Creek Station should be forthcoming.

The Barstow Station Clean room construction has been suspended due to very cold weather

Communications:

Recruitment – Commissioner Sowards. No new volunteers.

Fire Safety – Commissioner Dickinson. No report

Insurance- Commissioner Benell.

Chiefs Report: November to December 2011

Thanks to all who attended this year's fire appreciation dinner, the fire fighters would like to thanks the commissioners for the new fire shirts and years of service pins.

We are a little behind on fire fighters one training, with Christmas and New Year's approaching; we are postponing this training till January.

We have three fire fighters who have been accepted to the EMT class in Colville.

We had one fire call for this time frame. Chimney fire near Road Side Park.

Snow plow, I have spoken to several fire fighters who said they would be more than willing to plow snow, I went onto Washington Fire Commissioners web page looking for surplus engine and ran across a used snow plow for sale, and I have printed of pictures for your viewing. The asking price is \$1000 plus sales tax of \$82.00. The reason for the plow not being used is because they purchased a new F450 with factory installed snow plow and sold the old vehicle this was on.

The Colmac tender is now fully painted and the final assembly will commence, then the wiring and controls need to be installed, I say March will be the delivery date, can't wait for this to end to close out the grant.

I have acquired 9 lockers from the GSA Xcess and will have to travel to Yakima to pick them up.

Once again we are having trouble with a DOT worker named "Brain" at our last call, vehicle accident; he was interfering with our fire fighters by telling them that they needed to move our emergency vehicles off the road while they were trying to do patient assessment. I have spoken to his boss in the past about his attitude towards our fire department. I'm not going to put up with is attitude, he is endangering our members by distracting them for doing their jobs, I'm currently researching who has the accident scene and will press charges against him if he intervenes on our accident scene again. Ref RCW 46.61.035 and 46.61.015.

Motion, Benell, to purchase a used Meyer snow plow from Selah Fire Department, for \$1,000 plus tax, seconded Dechant. M/s/p

Medical Officer's Report: No report

Open Issues:

- Barney's Sign. The sign is about completed and will be hung at the station as soon as possible.
- Newsletter. Printed and ready for folding and stamps. To be sent out as soon as stamps are available.

New Issues

- Discussion was held regarding the resignation of Commissioner Bakken. All Commissioners agreed to accept her resignation.
- The current Policy Manual was discussed. Commissioner Dechant submitted changes to our purchasing policy as defined by the State Auditor's Office, bringing the Policy Manual into compliance with their regulations. All Commissioners present signed off on those changes by signing a new signature page for the Policy manual.

Adjournment: 7:50 pm on Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Sowards. m/s/p

Respectfully submitted:

Peter Holter-Mehren, Secretary

Helen Sowards, Chairperson