

JOINT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
FERRY COUNTY 3/STEVENS COUNTY 8

MINUTES

January 12, 2012

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 January 12,2012, at the District Office by Chairman Helen Sowards. Present: Commissioners Helen Sowards, Susan Dechant, Steve Benell, Robert Lee, Chief Herb Hippler, Medical Officer Rich Robinson, Secretary Peter Holter-Mehren, and Purchasing Agent Mark Stevens.

Minutes

Minutes of December 8, 2011 were discussed.

Motion, Dechant, to pass minutes of December 8, 2011.seconded by Benell m/s/p

Resolution # 1-2012, Joint Operation, Resolution 2-2012, Reorganization, and Resolution #3-2012, Board of Trustees, were approved and signed by all board members present.

Communications to the Board

The Fireflys Auxiliary, represented by Lisa Robinson, Shelia Pottenger and Zeta Tucker, discussed the status of the auxiliary with the Board. The State Auditor's office has suggested some re-structuring of the auxiliary, and a meeting will be set up with the Stevens County Prosecutor to define any changes to be made. It was noted that the Auxiliary meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month, 5:3-pm in the Winter and 6:30pm in the Summer, at the Training Center.

Correspondence

The Annual Report from Enduris was passed out to 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.

Vouchers

Vouchers were discussed. **Motion Dechant, to approve vouchers, seconded by Lee. 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 January 12, 2012 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 2012001 through 2012029 in the total amount of \$14,007.84 .

Committee Reports

Buildings: The certificate of occupancy for Sand Creek Station has been received. A copy will be provided to the Chief to pass on to the WSRB.

Communications:

Recruitment – Commissioner Sowards. New recruits include Rudy Wooten and Mark Dalton, both at Barstow station.

Fire Safety – Commissioner Dickinson. No report

Insurance- Commissioner Benell.

Chiefs Report: Chiefs Report Dec 2011 to Jan 2012

Once again another year has passed, with the recent wild land season in 2011 being very quiet and hardly any other fire call's, it's been a challenge to keep the volunteers motivated. Sometimes when things are quiet for so long people lose interest. Thanks to the training house located at Paradise Cove Rd, we were able to keep our firefighters trained and motivated.

The snow plow has been received and installed on 3819, we have plowed the training center and Orient station once so far, due to the lack of the white stuff this winter. But looks like next week we will be receiving snow for four days.

FF1 (Structure) training will start this Saturday from 8am to 2pm at the training center, commissioners are welcome to attend to see what we do. I have asked several other members of the department to help teach this class, this is going to be the first class in the fire department whose training will be 50% computer based home study.

Over the past few years the Kettle River has become much more a recreational hot spot, we have seen an increase in the number of floaters who float the Kettle River from Orient to "I" Beach, and we have also encountered a spike in other types of water related incidents. Earlier this winter during the first frost, the Kettle River froze over and we had a 10 year old boy who fell in, luckily the water was only waste deep and he was able to free himself. This prompted me to look back in history and see what other types of incidents that accrued involving water rescue. I sat down with Vic Daily one of our retired fire chiefs and created a list, we came up with 12 incidents, ranging from a boy stuck in the mud to 3 body recoveries and school bus in the river, just to name a few. This has weighed heavy on my mind for the past few years; the general responses are Stevens County Dive Team, out of Colville and Team Rescue, whose skills are limited in this type of situations, plus an increased time to respond. I feel it would be in the best interests of the District and public safety to expand the department's involvement regarding this type of incidents. I have started a new avenue by locating some used pieces of rescue equipment and have contacted another volunteer fire department who are already involved in this type of water rescue. We have started a set of SOP's and look forward to utilizing this excess federal government property. I asked my Station Captains at our last Officers Meeting about water rescue and then all department members at the last District meeting, the response was "Sure" we can do that. This will greatly increase fire fighter safety, by providing the proper training and equipment needed. It is only a matter of time when we are forced to act fast in this type of mater without the proper equipment and training.

I have spoken to our auxiliary club to help fund our new training and purchase of equipment needed, they have agreed for fund \$1200 dollars towards our new equipment.

List of River Rescue Situations:

- 1 . Kid stuck in Mud mouth of Kettle River when the Columbia was lowered.
2. Rafters stuck on Rock at Kettle River
- 3 . Kayaker stuck on wrong side of river during flood season.
- 4 . 13 YOF lost in river found DOA (@ months later)

- 5 . 53 YOM lost in river found DOA (1 month later)
- 6 . Motor cycle accident with 2
- 7 . Canoe fell, knocked out, MedStar flight out.
- 8 . Car in River during spring flood, 32 YOF DOA (Found three months later)
- 9 . Horse and Rider fell in ice, horse DOA
- 10 . Boater hits bridge near Kettle River Camp ground
- 11. Lost hunter stuck on wrong side of river
- 12 . Man stuck in culvert Lake Ellen.
- 12. Chevy truck in river just north of bridge. Stevens County side.

Motion, Lee, to purchase to purchase two Neoteric Hovercraft from GSA, seconded by Benell

Medical Officer’s Report: We currently have two fire fighters taking the EMT course in Colville, Alex Sechrest and John Kearney. That should bring our total of first responders to 11. I am in the process of updating all of our AED’s with new batteries and pads so that the fire fighters would be able to make use of them if there are no First responders available in case of a cardiac arrest. I am renewing my CPR instructor certification in Spokane this month (\$205).

Responses for this month include:

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| 79 yom, fall | 78 yom, chest pain |
| Traffic accident, 395N | 60 yof, cancer patient |
| 79 yom, fall | 76 yom, back pain |
| 57 yof, difficulty breathing | 77 yom, difficulty breathing |
| 30 yof, seizures | |

Open Issues:

- Barney’s Sign. The sign is completed and will be hung at the station as soon as possible.
- Lockers are in for the Barstow Station, will be installed as soon as clean room is complete.

New Issues

- BIAS Conference in February. Registration is free for the Secretary as he referred Ferry County Auditor’s Office to BIAS.
- A letter needs to go from the Chief to the Stevens County sheriff reference the problem with the new page out tones from 911.

Motion, Benell, to send Peter and Susan to BIAS Conference w/expenses, seconded by Sowards. m/s/p

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

Respectfully submitted:

Peter Holter-Mehren, Secretary

Helen Sowards, Chairperson