

**JOINT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
FERRY COUNTY DISTRICT 3 / STEVENS COUNTY DISTRICT 8  
Minutes of April 12, 2012, Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Joint Fire Protection District Ferry County District 3/Stevens County District 8 was called to order at 6:45 p.m. on April 12, 2012, at the District Office by Chairman Helen Sowards. Present: Commissioners Helen Sowards, Susan Dechant, Steve Benell, Graham (Rudy) Wooten, Robert Lee, Chief Herb Hippler, Purchasing Agent Mark Stevens, and Secretary Pro Tem Celia Oswald. Also present was Jerry Heggerston.

**Minutes**

The Minutes of the March 8, 2012, meeting discussed.

**Motion, Dechant, to pass minutes of March 8, 2012. Wooten seconded. m/s/p**

**Communication to the Board**

None

**Correspondence**

None

**Budget**

Commissioner Dechant presented a current Budget Report.

**Vouchers**

Vouchers were discussed. **Motion by Dechant to approve vouchers, seconded by Wooten. 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, April 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 2012079 through 2012100 in the total amount of \$7,080.86.

**Committee Reports**

**Buildings:**

- The use of the Training Center by the public was discussed. The question of “public” vs. “private” usage was defined. “Public” is groups such as AA. “Private” is usage such a wedding. It was also brought up that a fee should be charged for group usage to go to the janitor for the extra cleaning. Susan Dechant will ask the State Auditor about this. It was also decided that any group wanting to use the facilities should apply at least one month in advance for Commissioner approval at their next meeting.
- Station inspections will take place on April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. On Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> we will inspect Barney’s, Tipton, and Haag Cove. On Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, we will inspect Barstow, Orient, and Sand Creek Stations.

**Communications:** Chief Hippler went to Seattle to pick up wire for the repeater.

**Fire Safety:** No report

**Recruitment:** Chief Hippler stated that there were 2 new recruits at the April 9<sup>th</sup> district meeting. Commissioner Wooten suggested having a community gathering for the Deadman Creek area residents to familiarize them with the Department and also to talk to anyone interested in joining the Department. Commissioner Wooten offered his place for this meeting and for display of several Department vehicles. A letter could be sent to residents to inform them.

**Insurance:** We learned that the hovercraft from the Barstow Station will be repaired instead of replaced. We will only need to pay the insurance deductible.

### **Chief's Report:**

- Fire, fire and more fire. We are having one of the busiest pre-green up fire season in years. The crew are working hard and jumping the fires keeping them small, good jobs. We had a mutual aid call for Inchelium, requesting an engine for structure protection. We ended up sending one engine, one tender and two brush trucks, all from the south end. The fire ended up being 800 acres. The page out was around 14:00 and we got home about 21:00. It is up to the commissioners if they want to bill the tribe for services since we do not have a current mutual aid agreement.
- The 2010-16 Phase II grant for the Freightliner tender is coming to a close. I will have to check with the grant coordinator to see if funding is still available for this grant. We have the water tank mounted to the chassis at this point in time. I have submitted all the invoices so far for reimbursement.
- The Phase I 2012 grant is now open. The department personnel have requested more items to put together a few more hose advance packs. I will be placing a small order to get this accomplished. Plus we are getting short in our supply of wildland shelters and packs. This too can be part of the grant.
- The tender at Colmac will only get finished if we do the work, which may be easier if we bring it home. I will check with the firefighters to see if anyone has the time to come into Colville and help finish it within the next few weeks. We still need some parts that Colmac forgot to order. They have apparently spent all the money we paid them and have no funds left so are leaving that up to us. They are fairly minor things. (There was some Commissioner discussion at this point.)
- The three FEPP items we have surplus have all been removed from the District.
- With the increase of new firefighters I will need to order 3 more pager/radios at the cost of \$450 each. I will give the senior firefighters the newer radios.
- We are having a meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Stevens County Sheriff Ambulance building to go over ideas for the regional FEMA grant.

**Commissioner Lee moved to buy 4 pager/radios. Benell seconded. m/s/p**

There was some discussion about billing Inchelium for our services. It was also suggested that we bill Stone (on Lake Ellen Road) for that fire.

**Medical Officer's Report:** None

### **Open Issues:**

- The resolutions for requesting a continuation of the EMS levy for Ferry County to appear on the August ballot (and again in November if it fails to pass in August) were signed (Resolutions #2012-05 and 06)

**New Issues:**

- The question of whether the Sheriff should have the Internet password was discussed.  
**Wooton moved that we should let the Sheriff have the password. Benell seconded.**  
**m/s/p**
- Wooten suggested that due to rising fuel costs, we should increase the annual reimbursement to personnel from \$6 to \$8 for training and from \$10 to \$12 per call out. This would be retroactive to January 1, 2012. (The last raise was voted on in the September 2005 meeting.) Susan will prepare the resolution for the next meeting. **Wooton moved, Benell seconded.**  
**m/s/p**

**Executive Session:** None

**Adjournment: 8:35pm on motion by Wooten, seconded by Dechant. m/s/p**

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Celia Oswald, Secretary Pro Tem

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Helen Sowards, Chairperson