

JOINT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
FERRY COUNTY 3/STEVENS COUNTY 8

MINUTES

October 11, 2012

The regular meeting of the Joint Fire Protection District Ferry County District 3/Stevens County District 8 was called to order at 6:40p.m, on September 13, 2012, at the District Office by Chairman Helen Sowards. Present: Commissioners Helen Sowards, Susan Dechant, Steve Benell, Graham Wooten, Secretary Peter Holter-Mehren, Chief Herb Hippler, and Medical Officer Rich Robinson. Also attending were Lisa Robinson and Shelia Pottenger.

Minutes .

Minutes of September 13, 2012 were discussed. **Motion, Wooten, to pass minutes of September 13, 2012, seconded by Dechant. m/s/p**

Communications to the Board

Lisa Robinson and Shelia Pottenger discussed the Fireflys Auxiliary status. It was decided that Shelia would come down to the office in the near future and do a conference call with the Peter and the State Auditor to clarify some points on the operations of the auxiliary.

Correspondence:

Newsletter from Stevens County Fire Commissioners Assn. Letter from Fire Tools explaining the reasons for their increase in costs. Letter from Washington Fire Fighters explaining their new dues structure for small districts that will enable us to remain members at no cost.

Budget Report

Commissioner Dechant presented a current budget report. She reports that all accounts look good and income from the Treasurer's Office is in line with anticipated revenues. Various written reports were given to the Commissioners using the BIAS system. In addition, we are re-structured our chart of accounts to give us better information about costs and income from State MOB. **Motion, Wooten, to accept report, seconded by Benell. m/s/p**

Vouchers

Vouchers were discussed. **Motion Wooten, 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 October 11, 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 2012248 through 2012271 in the total amount of \$9835.41.

Committee Reports

Buildings: Commissioner Lee: Commissioner Lee was not present, but there was some discussion about a new maintenance building at Barstow. A committee will be forming to look into this and present ideas to Commissioner Lee.

Communications: Commissioner Wooten: New tower will be picked up next week to be installed before the snow flies.

Recruitment – Commissioner Sowards. There was much discussion on recruitment, and ways to utilize our volunteers to go out and recruit new members and also do Residential Wildlife Hazard Assessments. **Motion, Benell, to publish a newsletter ASAP, seconded by Wooten. m/s/p**

Fire Safety – No report

Insurance- Commissioner Benell. Work is progressing on a small items inventory and the information currently being computerized. Commissioner Benell presented information detailing how he feels we are very underinsured on our buildings.**Motion, Wooten, to increase our insurance coverage as presented by Commissioner Benell, seconded by Dechant. m/s/p**

Chiefs Report: Let's start off with state MOB fires. This year was one of the busiest years we have seen in a while, both tender and brush trucks have been working hard. The trailer has played an important part for the crew and has inspired other department to go that route. We did experience some mechanical issues with the tender 3828 costing us 2 ½ day of work. Since this issue we would like to see the forward movement of a maintenance building.

At our last district meeting, my officers and I refused a possible candidate for fire fighter due to his lack of long term commitment and training restraints.

Rudy is to drive to Seattle to retrieve the 40 lockers and new radio tower October 15 using 3819.

Barney's Junction Station will be without water and sewer during the new construction, I spoke to the construction crew and expressed my concern about them removing power from the station. I believe that they can't interrupt our service because we have our own meter but we must keep an eye on this because if we lose power, we will not be able to heat the station, open the electric doors and will have to wait for air to build up in the vehicle because the air compressor will not work, decreasing our response time.

Dry suits, I have found a local dealer for dry suits and have a few samples for the commissioners to view, I would like to purchase six suits ranging from (2) small (2) medium and (2) large. Mark Dalton will be in charge of training and outfitting the crews for proper size.

I have asked the fire fighters to come up with a repeater tower committee so we can start work on the new location by running the power line down the meter and prep the location site.

I have sent out a form for the fire fighters to fill out for long term goals and equipment request, I'll read them tonight during the meeting and will turn them into Peter after the meeting.

I have instructed the station captains to have all vehicles with air brakes to get a DOT inspection ASAP, Charlie Cole will be in charge of this request.

Security system at Barney Station, I have reviewed the photos taken by the current security camera and have discovered that the door at Barney station is checked often by strangers to see if it is open. With the new gas station going in and the increased amount of traffic, the probability of the station getting broke into has increased. I would like to see a 4 to 6 camera system installed for security issues to deter and possibly break in.

Motion, Wooten, to purchase (4) dry suits, (10) sets of hoods, boot and mitts, (5) life vests, for a total of up to \$5000, seconded by Benell. m/s/p

Medical Officer's Report: We purchased a refurbished 12-lead EKG machine which we will be placing in service as we become educated on its use. It will be useful in diagnosing chest pain and other calls.

We purchased (10) new “D” size O2 tanks with the idea of allowing 1st Responders keep one in their POV with their personal response gear. We will still need to purchase a few more regulators and cases. Responses this month included:

2 yom - dog bite to face	48 yom – run over by truck
74 yom – difficulty breathing	58 yof – fall
7 yom – allergic reaction	67 yom – leg pain
40 yof – difficulty breathing	59 yom – chest pain
Motorcycle vs deer – multiple fractures	

Open Issues:

- Burn tower: Waiting for FEMA to approve grant
- BIA Agreement: Still apparently in Portland.

New Issues

Motion Wooten, to purchase meat for Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, up to the amount allowed for in the original resolution

Adjournment: 8:45 pm on Motion by Benell, seconded by Sowards. m/s/p

Respectfully submitted:

Peter Holter-Mehren, Secretary

Helen Sowards, Chairperson