

JOINT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
FERRY COUNTY 3/STEVENS COUNTY 8

MINUTES

November 8, 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 November 8, 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 Purchasing Agent Mark Stevens. Also attending were Joe Pakootas, Ray and Kim Jones.

Minutes .

Minutes of October 11, 2012 were discussed. **Motion, Wooten, to pass minutes of October 11, 2012, both Regular and Special Board Meetings, seconded by Dechant. m/s/p**

Communications to the Board

Kim and Ray Jones discussed some proposals to insure that the area around the Training Center receives adequate grounds maintenance. The Board discussed expanding Kim's current duties to include outdoor maintenance.

Joe Pakootas, CEO of the Colville Tribes, introduced himself and gave the Board a brief background history of himself. Discussion with Mr. Pakootas centered on the new tribal facility at Barney's Junction, to be known as "Roaring Waters". There has apparently been some mis-communications involving the facility and whether or not the Tribe offered to trade the land currently resided on by the Barney's Station for a new fire station to be located up the hill on Hwy 20. Mr. Pakootas was under the impression that the Board had refused that idea when in fact it had never been presented to them.

Correspondence:

We have received a letter from BVFF detailing the cost for pension payments for Robert Lee. Peter will re-contact BVFF for a better explanation of the cost and also present a package to the Board detailing approximate costs for all other volunteers that are eligible for buy-back payments

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. She then presented the Board with an amended budget for 2012. **Motion, Wooten, to amend 2012 budget, seconded by Benell.**

m/s/p

The Board then went on to discussion of the 2013 Budget. **Motion, Sowards, to approve 2013 budget, seconded by Wooten. m/s/p**

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 8, 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 2012273 through 2012338 in the total amount of \$26,201.81, with voucher #2012314 voided as a duplicate billing.

Committee Reports

Buildings: Commissioner Lee: Not present, but Peter gave an update on the progress on the clean-room.

Communications: Commissioner Wooten: New tower is here but we are putting off erecting it until Spring due to weather conditions

Recruitment – Commissioner Sowards. No New recruits

Fire Safety – No report

Insurance- Commissioner Benell. An increase on insurance for our buildings has been submitted to Enduris.

Chiefs Report

We are still waiting for Washington State Mob checks to arrive and I also completed the paper work needed get paid from BIA on a mutual aid call we did this spring, this will add another \$3000 to the total, making it a \$44,000 dollar year for income.

The hover craft crews are awaiting the arrival of the wet suits so training can begin. The lift jackets and safety whistles have arrived and are put into service.

The DOT inspections of all vehicles with air brakes is moving along thanks to the help from Charlie Cole.

At the last officer meeting Peter handed out the last portion of the SOP's for review, we hope to have a up to date version this spring for all fire fighters . I asked the captains to have a special third Monday meeting to go over tender / engine operations, because I feel that the crews needed this extra hands on training, plus get them ready for the cold weather.

No word on the 2012 FEMA grant this month, they will no longer be asking the ten questions when it comes time to award the grant. An award noticed will be email and you have 30 days to respond, if no response you have forfeited the grant.

I have re applied for the Phase II grant from DNR, since we did not finish the freightliner in time they closed the grant on us. I have asked for \$30,000, this is a 50/50 matching fund.

Repeater, depending on the weather, this project may be on hold until 2013.

Surplus items, I have two vehicles I would like to add to the surplus list, the first is the 1962 engine at Haags cove and the other is the 1986 GMC ambulance (3825). I believe I will put the ambulance up to bid and have a set price of the engine \$4,000, this is the going price on ebay for such item.

We will be mounting the snow plow back on 3819 for these winters plowing projects, just a reminder that the plow has paid for itself, since this was a concern when we purchased it.

Surplus engine sold to Rice fire department has been nothing but a headache to them, it was not my intent to sell them a lemon. They have had nothing but issues from day one, I had no idea of the other issues they are experiencing with that engine.

Medical Officer's Report: Not present

Open Issues:

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

New Issues

- Shoulder Emblems for the District. Peter is getting a quote from Galls.
- BIAS Contract for 2013 was discussed. **Motion, Benell, to approve contract with BIAS, seconded by Dechant. m/s/p**
- Surplus 1962 Engine and 1986 Ambulance. Tabled until December meeting.
- **Motion, Wooten, to purchase door decals for Stations up to \$1100,seconded by Benell**

Adjournment: 9:10 pm on Motion by Wooten, seconded by Sowards. m/s/p

Respectfully submitted:

Peter Holter-Mehren, Secretary

Helen Sowards, Chairperson