

JOINT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
FERRY COUNTY 3/STEVENS COUNTY 8

**MINUTES**

**December 13, 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 December 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 Purchasing Agent Mark Stevens.

**Minutes .**

Minutes of November 8, 2012 were discussed. **Motion, Dechant, to pass minutes of November 8, 2012, seconded by Benell. m/s/p**

**Communications to the Board**

None

**Correspondence:**

None

**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 amounts.

**Vouchers**

Vouchers were discussed. **Motion 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 December 13, 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 2012340 through 2012365 in the total amount of \$13,267.82.

**Committee Reports**

**Buildings:** Commissioner Lee: Not present. Chief Hippler will be meeting with Commissioner Lee to discuss possible buildings.

**Communications:** Commissioner Wooten: No report

**Recruitment** – Commissioner Sowards. Two new recruits

**Fire Safety** – No report

**Insurance-** Commissioner Benell. The billing has been received from Enduris for the upgrades on building insurance.

**Chiefs Report**

Coming to the end of the year, I have asked the officers to come up with three goals for 2013.

Station #5 would like to get an exhaust fan installed, sign on front door and get more fire fighters.

Station #1 goals, have more mutual air training with Christina Lake, repair on station and flash lights for vehicles.

Station #4 , Finish clean room, exhaust fan, concrete pad.

Station #6, More Fire Fighters, More mutual aid training, burn brush pile, Sign.

Station #2, Repaint yellow lines, fix tender, more hands on training structure.

Chiefs goals, Get maintenance / storage area built, some to of burn unit, complete 2000 freightliner.

End of the month will start our hover craft training after Christmas, we have 6 pilots to train and 5 ground crew members.

The 2012 FEMA grant is still open along with the DNR grant, should have an answer for both grants end of the year.

Mid Jan 2013 will start our Fire Fighter One class (Structure) for our new recruits, I have ask other department if they would like to combined forces and put on a north end training class.

I have put in a request in with GSA Xcess for a 1992 4x4 structure truck, it has been allocated to the USFS but if they decline we will get the vehicle, if so will have to have it transported here from center California. The chances are slim, just a heads up.

Spoke With Brian Ispan (FEMA) about our application 2012 application, he said that it looked like it did not even made it to per review, but he said you never know what they will do, just wait for your dear John letter. No word from DNR on the phase two grant.

I have reviewed Ike Cawston's comments about our mutual air agreement; he said a unified command was an issue. This is the same issue we had with DNR when they changed their agreement. I will not work under another agency if we cannot work side by side. At this point in time I will not sign an agreement with this contingency.

**Medical Officer's Report:** Not present

**Open Issues:**

- Burn tower: Waiting for FEMA to approve grant
- BIA Agreement: Still apparently in Portland. See above comments in Chief's Report
- Shoulder Emblems for the District. Peter is working on this, waiting for Galls
- Trash removal. Will contract with Couse's, need to purchase garbage cans

**New Issues**

- Peter and Susan to attend BIAS conference in Spokane, February 2013
- Security cameras at stations and training center
- Snure Seminar, Spokane
- Boots for Firefighters

**Motion, Wooten, to send Peter and Susan to BIAS seminar in Spokane, w/expenses, seconded by Lee. m/s/p.**

**Motion, Wooten, to purchase security camera systems for all stations and Training Center, up to \$2500, seconded by Benell. m/s/p**

**Motion, Wooten, to give (2) points per day for fire fighters working on State MOB, retro to January 2012, seconded by Benell. m/s/p.**

**Motion to Adjourn, Dechant, at 2108 hours, seconded by Benell**

Respectfully submitted:

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Peter Holter-Mehren, Secretary

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Helen Sowards, Chairperson