

JOINT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
FERRY COUNTY 3/STEVENS COUNTY 8

**MINUTES**

**January 10, 2013**

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 10, 2013, at the District Office by Chairman Helen Sowards. Present: Commissioners Helen Sowards, Susan Dechant, Steve Benell, Graham Guests included Chris McIntosh and Chris Rennich from Kettle Falls Fire Dept. Bob Morton joined the meeting later on.

**Minutes .**

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

**Operating Resolutions:** Operating Resolutions 2013-1, 2013-2, and 2013-3, were signed by the Board members. Helen Sowards was elected unanimously to be the Chairperson. Portfolios for the other Board members are as follows: Steve Benell, Insurance, Susan Dechant, Finance, Graham Wooten, Communications, Robert Lee, Buildings. Commissioner Wooten will also act as the Board's Representative on the Board of Trustees for BVFF.

**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 and to transfer \$50,000 to the General Fund, seconded by Wooten.**

**m/s/p.**

**Motion: Wooten, to surplus two vehicles, 1962 DMDT and 1988 GMC Ambulance, 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 January 10, 2013 the board by a unanimous vote, does approve for payment those vouchers included in the above list and further described as follows: Accounts Payable file, 1-10-2013 in the total amount of \$9,627.93.

**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, Evan East and Thomas Himinez

**Fire Safety** – No report

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

**Chiefs Report:**

Chiefs report for 2012 December to Jan 2013

The year ended with 180 plus calls, the majority was medical about 80%.

FEMA grant and DNR grant are still in waiting, should have a yes or no answer by next month.

Hover craft training; still awaiting the arrival of the dry suits, I was told they are on a slow boat from china. Christina Lake is hold an ice rescue training Feb 2&3 for \$299 per person; board needs to vote on it.

Mutual training with Kettle Falls, we are starting a FF1 structure class with Kettle, with a total 8 new fire fighters from 3&8.

We had an incident involving a district vehicle and a parked fire commissioner's car in the parking lot, Steve, Robert and I are handling this situation.

We are planning on moving the repeater off of little marble this weekend, due to the fact it has been dead now for the past few weeks. We are looking at setting up temporarily here at Barstow till this spring.

I would like to thank the fire commissioners for approval of the purchase of the type 6 brush on GSA xcess. A similar vehicle sold for on GSA Auction the public site for over \$18,000 plus.

This month's Officers meeting was put on hold due to illness. I would like to go over with the officers of the location of the new brush truck and what FEPP vehicle to surplus and finish up this year's training calendar.

Fire district 1 is holding training for \$25.00 head, I would like to send all officers to this training.

**Motion, Benell, to send (fund) 3 volunteers to attend Ice Rescue Training at Christina Lake, BC., @ \$300 per person, seconded by Sowards. m/s/p**

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

**Open Issues:**

- Newsletter. **Motion, Wooten, to set deadline for newsletter as next board meeting, seconded by Dechant.m/s/p**
- Railing for Training Center ramp. On order.
- Emblems. Volunteers will vote on design
- Building Security. We are researching prices and designs for the windows.

**Executive Session:**

The Board went into Executive Session at 1930 hours to discuss a personnel issue. It was estimated this would take 15 minutes. The Board came out of Executive Session at 1942 hours

**New Issues**

Robert Morton has agreed to become a Commissioner for the District and was sworn in

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

Respectfully submitted:

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Peter Holter-Mehren, Secretary

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Helen Sowards, Chairperson