

JOINT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
FERRY COUNTY 3/STEVENS COUNTY 8

MINUTES

March 14, 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 March 14, 2013, at the District Office by Chairman Helen Sowards. Present: Commissioners Helen Sowards, Susan Dechant, Steve Benell, Graham Wooten, Robert Lee, Robert Morton, Secretary Peter Holter-Mehren, Chief Herb Hippler, and Purchasing Agent Mark Stevens, EVIP Instructor/Station Captain Charlie Cole, Wildland Instructor Ken Kerr, Assistant Chief Gary Tucker. Two guests from USFS were also present, Tim Sampson and Reed Heckly

Minutes .

Minutes of January 10, 2013 were discussed. **Motion, Wooten, to pass minutes of February 14, 2013, seconded by Benell. m/s/p**

Communications to the Board

Chief Hippler introduced Reed Heckly and Tim Sampson from the USFS who were here to discuss a proposed Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement and Annual Operating Plan between the District and the USFS. The Board will read and discuss for next regular meeting.

Ken Kerr discussed with the Board his views on where the District is headed into the future and the extreme amounts of time being required of our volunteers. He feels there must be some way to better compensate our volunteers for time spent on fires when other volunteers are out on State MOB. The Board suggested that this be discussed more fully at the April meeting.

Charlie Cole gave a report to the Board reference the EVIP Trainer's class attended by him and Dan Kearney recently in Yakima. It appears that our volunteers are going to be required to have much more intensive yearly training on each vehicle they intend to drive. Charlie will get more factual information in the near future and share it with the Officers and the Board. The Secretary will contact our insurance pool and discuss this with them also and report back to the Board.

Correspondence:

None to be discussed

Resolutions: Resolutions # 2013-19 and 2013-20 were signed by the Board. These pertain to the Janitor and Yard Maintenance positions.

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 amount.

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 March 14, 2013 the board by a unanimous vote, does approve for payment those vouchers included in the above list and further described as follows: Vouchers 304465- 304487 in the total amount of \$9036.94.

Committee Reports

Buildings: Commissioner Lee: Chief Hippler has been meeting with Commissioners Lee and Wooten to choose design for new maintenance building. Rudy has been working on a plan, he and Robert will get some prices. Rudy has also been in contact with the Ferry County Building Department.

Communications: Commissioner Wooten: Barstow repeater is currently active and the transfer to new property should happen in April, along with a second tower here on the Barstow property to support a cell phone booster.

Recruitment – Commissioner Sowards. Shane Moffit will be coming on board as an EMT.

Fire Safety – No report

Insurance- Commissioner Benell. The computer data entry for small inventory is ongoing. All stations are currently on computer except Orient.

Chiefs Report: Chiefs report for February to March 2013

Spoke With the Washington State FEMA director; I was informed that our 2012 grant did not get chosen for peer review and that they have limited 104 million for the 2013 grants.

The Stevens County Fire Chiefs Association will become official as we will except the by-laws presented at the end of this month.

The signed agreement between DNR and JFDP 3&8 has been returned for our records.

The US forest service is trying to follow the same format in case of a large fire; this will enable them to hire our equipment and personnel. Fire Dist. 13 and 14 have agreed to the contract presented.

This spring and summer we have a tone of projects, repeater, maintenance building, 2000 freightliner project and several miscellaneous projects like finish installing the winches and hover trailers.

Charlie presented his concerns about EVIPP and we might look into just following the WACs for emergency response vehicles. Not sure if EVIPP and WAC tie into each other.

We finally got the release paper for the vehicle in SCL, I'm planning to get it within the next three weeks, I spoke Dan at BLM, he said they just installed new batteries last week and insured me that this vehicle is in good shape. He said that they will meet us at the airport and drive wherever to the vehicle.

Medical Officer's Report: We have three potential First Responders in the EMT class which is going on now. Evan East (Barney's), Dan Kearney (Barstow), and Bob Davis (Orient). The class ends in the middle of April. Shane Moffit (Inchelium Rd) is also in the class and says he wants to be a First Responder as well. He has yet to join the District at this time. We currently have 9 First Responders who are active.

Open Issues:

- Newsletter. Articles have been received from most stations and layout of the newsletter has started.
- Burn Tower. No funding will be available this year.
- Emblems. Volunteers have voted on design, Peter will work with Mark to get them ordered.
- Building Security. We are researching prices and designs for the windows.
- Uniforms for volunteers. Rudy stressed that we need to get dress uniform shirts and badges ordered for volunteers.

- Firewise Mtg. Ken reported on this yearly meeting held to discuss the county-wide risk management plan. Over \$1million in grants to our area have been received for fuel reduction in forest lanmds.

Executive Session:

The Board went into Executive Session at 2012 hours to discuss personnel evaluations of the Janitor and the Secretary. It was estimated this would take until 2030. The Board came out of Executive Session at 2030 hours

Motion to Adjourn, Wooten, at 2035 hours, seconded by Dechant

Respectfully submitted:

Peter Holter-Mehren, Secretary

Helen Sowards, Chairperson