

JOINT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
FERRY COUNTY 3/STEVENS COUNTY 8

MINUTES

April 14, 2011

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 April 14, 2011, at the District Office by Chairman Helen Sowards. Present: Commissioners Helen Sowards (by phone), Susan Dechant, Kent Dickinson, Steve Benell, Robert Lee, Sandy Bakken, Secretary Peter Holter-Mehren. Chief Herb Hippler, Purchasing Agent Mark Stevens and Medical Officer Rich Robinson

Minutes

Minutes of March 10, 2011 were discussed.

Motion, Dickinson, to pass minutes of March 10,2011, seconded by Bakken. m/s/p

Communications to the Board

None

Correspondence

Billing from WSFCA was read and discussed.

Budget Report

Commissioner Dechant presented a current budget report. She reports that all accounts look good. Various written reports were given to the Commissioners using the BIAS system.

Vouchers

Vouchers were discussed, with again some emphasis on the electrical usage at Orient station noted. **Motion Dickinson, 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 April 14, 2011 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 2011081 through 2011108 in the total amount of S 8719.69 with Commissioner Dickinson abstaining from the vote on voucher 2011086.

Committee Reports

1. Buildings

- A. Sand Creek Station. Job Corps really let us down on the installation work they did. It was unsatisfactory and will be taken down and done right by volunteers. Sandy will write a letter to the Supervisor. Sandy will research and get the final plumbing done. Sandy will contact Dale McNitt about the dent on the building and ask him to bring two loads of gravel for driveway. Releases have come in reference CDA Construction, and will pay the remainder to them as soon as the plumbing vent is corrected.

Motion, Dickinson, to authorize two loads of gravel for Sand Creek Station, seconded by Benell, m/s/p

2. Heating at Orient station. Mark has asked Norstar Heating to bid on a system for Orient Station

3. **Communications.**

None

4. **Recruitment** – Commissioner Sowards. No report

5. **Fire Safety** – Commissioner Dickinson. No report

6. **Insurance**- Commissioner Benell. All vehicles and equipment have now been re-evaluated.

Chiefs Report:

Well let's start off with 2010 FEMA grant, no word. Let's move onto Rural Fire Assistance Grant, is no longer available, I spoke with DNR grant coordinator and he said this will probably be the last year for grants due to budget cuts. He said, "get what you can at this point in time".

Training: Ken Kerr, Gary Tucker and I have been putting on a wild land fire fighter two training. We had eight people in the class and we are pleased with everyone involved. So we will have 7 more fire fighters for this wild land season.

Fire Call's: one wild land fire about 4+ acres and one chimney fire at 25001 Boyd's.

Colmac fire truck is moving along, I'm sure we will see it for this fire season.

The dozer low boy trailer is getting ramps put on at Kaiser welding then to Gophers for re-wiring.

We are getting ready for 2011 state mob and will be having 2 brush trucks ready to respond \$\$\$.

I have asked for help from the fire fighters to finish Sand Creek Station and we will be having a work party on the 16th of April. The propane heater from GSA excess has arrived and delivered to Sand creek station. This unit is rated for 100,000 BTU.

Installed new filters in the SCBA compressor and sent of air sample to see if it meets NFPA standards.

Vehicle fire at Sand Creek Station, we have moved the engine from Gallo's farm to Sand Creek Station. Once it arrived and was parked in front of the station, smoke started coming out from the engine department. A mouse nest caught fire on top of the motor that started the distributor and all hoses on fire. Luckily we had fire extinguishers to put out the fire.

Medical Officer's Report

Many of our fire fighters need a CPR/First Aid Class. I can teach the CPR portion, but not First Aid so will be scheduling with Terry Gordon. We have scheduled a class for April 30, 2011 for all fire fighters.

NEW ISSUES

Motion, Dechant, to send up to 3 volunteers to training in BC at \$150 per person, over the April 30th weekend, seconded by Dickinson. m/s/p

Motion, Dechant, to have the Chief pursue the 50/50 grant for 2011, seconded by Dickinson. m/s/p

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: 8:15 pm on Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Bakken

Respectfully submitted:

Peter Holter-Mehren, Secretary