

JOINT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
FERRY COUNTY 3/STEVENS COUNTY 8

**MINUTES**

**May 12, 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 May 12, 2011, at the District Office by Chairman Helen Sowards. Present: Commissioners Helen Sowards, Susan Dechant, Kent Dickinson, Steve Benell, Robert Lee, Sandy Bakken, Secretary Peter Holter-Mehren, Chief Herb Hippler, and Purchasing Agent Mark Stevens

**Minutes**

Minutes of April 14, 2011 were discussed.

**Motion, Dickinson, to pass minutes of April 14, 2011, seconded by Dechant. m/s/p**

**Communications to the Board**

None

**Correspondence**

WA Fire Chiefs Association letter was discussed.

**Motion, Dechant, to send up to (2) people to the Conference in Spokane for May 23, 24, at the cost of \$125 per person, seconded by Dickinson. m/s/p**

**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. In addition, a presentation was made of the materials in our Annual Report to be submitted to the State Auditor.

**Vouchers**

Vouchers were discussed.

**Motion Dickinson, to approve vouchers, seconded by Sowards.**

**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 May 12, 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 2011110 through 2011137 in the total amount of \$ 9980.14 with Commissioner Dickinson abstaining from the vote on voucher 2011113.

**Committee Reports**

**Buildings**

- Sand Creek Station. Job Corps continues to let us down on the installation work they did. It was unsatisfactory and had to be taken down and done right by volunteers. Dave Oswald and Dale McNitt will try and get repairs done to the exterior of the building by the end of this month. Booth Plumbing is working towards finishing up the water supply and getting the proper testing done. CDA Structures sent over a plumber to fix the roof leak and make it so that it should not reoccur. Petterson's Construction has submitted a bid to finish the drywall and insulation work (\$3427.06).

**Motion, Bakken, to accept Petterson's Constructions bid to finish up drywall and insulation work, seconded by Benell. m/s/p**

- Heating at Orient station. Norstar Heating has bid on a system for Orient Station. Decisions on this are postponed until the Board can hear from other contractors in an effort to provide the best heating for the money involved.

**Communications:** None

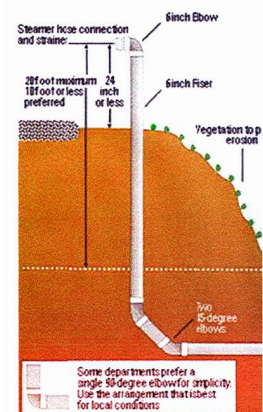
**Recruitment** – Commissioner Sowards. No report

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

**Insurance-** Commissioner Benell. Peter and Herb will work towards getting a mobile equipment schedule ready for Enduris

**Chiefs Report:**

- The training in Canada was great! I thought it was very well organized and I learned something new at each training station. One station I attended was “fire fighter health”. One thing I think we need to add to our SOP’s is pregnancy. If we tell a female fire fighter who is expecting that she can no longer be in the hot zone and no SOP is in place, she can sue for discrimination. In fact, any female who is exposed to smoke from a structure fire while pregnant can harm the fetus. I feel that by me going to this training money was well spent! I also did river rescue, confined space rescue, self-rescue (Structure), foam application and WUI.
- I have submitted the 50/50 Phase One grant to DNR, this was for shirts, pants and gear, reference grant #GRT1149.
- We are now finishing up the last group for the 2011 red cards. This means the new recruits will be able to respond to wild land fires.
- Drop ramps for the dozer low-boy have been completed by Kaiser Welding and will go into Colville for wiring. We are putting on a dozer loading and transport class followed by dozer operations here in the next week.
- The air test came back with a clean bill. We will post the test results above the compressor and place it back in service
- We had one fire call during this time frame, it was a chimney fire on Mikalson Rd, no damage was done to the residence.
- We took a tour of Columbia Cedar Mill at the last District meeting. I’m sure everyone is now a little anxious if we have a fire there due to the amount of flammable material everywhere and the confined spaces in some of the buildings. They did feed us dinner (Thank-you).
- Last year some time I asked for a trailer so that the State MOB personnel can use for their gear. The Commissioners response was to use 3810 to haul extra gear. Well, my friends at GSA are working on getting a trailer for our guys. Stand by for news.
- Dry hydrants, many years ago Judy and Ralph Bauer mapped out water sources in the district. I think it’s time that we start installing dry hydrants at some of these locations. I say try to install 2 – 3 per year until finished. If needed I can get some equipment to help install such items.



**Medical Officer’s Report:** None.

**NEW ISSUES:** None

**Executive Session:** None

**Adjournment:** 8:15 pm on Motion by Dickinson, seconded by Lee. m/s/p

Respectfully submitted:

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Peter Holter-Mehren, Secretary