

JOINT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MINUTES, April 10, 2014

The regular meeting of the Joint Fire Protection District Ferry County District 3/Stevens County District 8 was called to order at 6:35p.m, on April 10 2014 at the District Office by Chairperson Helen Sowards. Present: Commissioners Helen Sowards, Susan Dechant, Steve Benell, Graham (Rudy) Wooten, Robert Morton, Secretary Peter Holter-Mehren, Purchasing Agent Mark Stevens, Assistant Chief Gary Tucker, and Chief Herb Hippler

Minutes .

Minutes of March 13, 2014 were discussed. **Motion, Dechant, to pass minutes of March 13, 2014, seconded by Wooten. m/s/p**

Communications to the Board: Athena Holter-Mehren discussed new office software with the Board. She and the Office Manager will make decisions on new software and purchase.

Correspondence: A letter has been received from Orient Water Department detailing their new pricing.

Resolutions: Resolutions 2014-05 (Purchasing Agent) and Resolution 2014-06 (Medical Officer) were signed by the Board.

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. Copies of current financial statements were given to all board members. The electric usage at Orient Station was discussed as it is deemed high by the Board.

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 April 10, 2014 the board by a unanimous vote, does approve for payment those vouchers included in the above list and further described as follows: Accounts Payable in the total amount of \$13,440.39, voucher # 304867-304893.

Committee Reports

Buildings - Requests for materials have gone out for the storage building.

Communications- Commissioner Wooten. No report this month

Recruitment – Commissioner Sowards. No new members this month

Fire Safety - None

Insurance – Renewal process has begun.

Chief's Report

I've been working on getting three quotes for a burn town unit. Each quote is a little different design but, the cost is within our budget. I spoke with the Ferry county building department and asked them to fax a statement saying no building permit is required for a container unit style structure'. I have not received any fax at this time. I made a phone call to Mike and he said if no foundation is poured,

then no permit is required.

The pre-green up wild land season is here. We have had a hand full of calls, and luckily none of them grew to no more than an acre in size. We have had excellent day time response.

The controlled burn on Mary Ellen road has been a truly useful training event. We now have a dozer operator with seat time and mutual aid training with Kettle is proving invaluable for them.

I've been playing mechanic for the district here the past few weeks, got the low boy lights fixed, new transmission hose installed in 3892 and fixed the CPT1 plow truck. Brush 3851 pump has been repairs, but the new parts did not bring it up to par due to the housing being in poor condition due to electrolysis.

Mr. Stone has donated his property for live wild land fire training, he is very happy with the way the department has been handling his property.

Colville fire has invited our department to a live structure burn on the 21st of April; this is a rare opportunity for my training officer to bring the new recruits.

Gary has been trying to get the burn trailer from Spokane up here, but his call has not been returned with in the last two weeks.

The vehicle we lent Dist. 6 is in the shop for repair, this vehicle has been responding to all south end medical and fire calls. I gave the approval to pay for half of the repair cost and Kettle will pay the other.

Medical Officer's Report: Not present

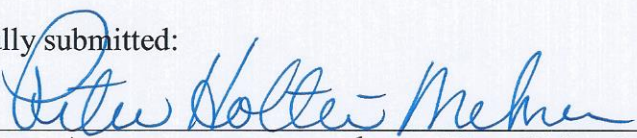
Open Issues:

1. The highway sign project for 395 is now in the hands of DOT. They will work up an agreement and get back to us hopefully by next board meeting.

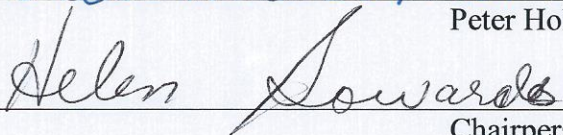
New Issues:

Adjournment: This meeting was ended abruptly at 8:37pm by a call out for a traffic accident on Barstow Bridge Road

Respectfully submitted:



Peter Holter-Mehren, Secretary



Chairperson