

JOINT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MINUTES, May 8, 2014

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 8, 2014 at the District Office by Chairperson Helen Sowards. Present: Commissioners Helen Sowards, Susan Dechant, Steve Benell, Graham (Rudy) Wooten, Robert Morton, Robert Lee, Secretary Peter Holter-Mehren, and Purchasing Agent Mark Stevens. Chief Herb Hippler arrived at approximately 7:15pm.

Minutes

Minutes of April 10, 2014 were discussed. **Motion, Benell, to pass minutes of April 10, 2014, seconded by Lee. m/s/p**

Communications to the Board: None

Correspondence: A letter has been received from BVFF regarding the report of an accident involving a volunteer. No action to be taken unless the individual has to see a doctor.

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 all stations was discussed with Commissioner Dechant providing much historical information.

Commissioner Dechant also brought the Board up to date on the progress of the Annual Report to the State Auditor, asking several questions of the board.

Vouchers were discussed, and tabled until the Chief's arrival to answer a question about one voucher.

Motion Wooten, to approve vouchers, seconded by Benell. m/s/p

Motion, Wooten, to authorize spending up to \$7,000 for lumber for shop building delivered to date by Webley Lumber, 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 8, 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 \$39,502.43, vouchers # 304895-304916.

Committee Reports

Buildings – Commissioner Lee: Building of the shop to commence 0900hrs, 5-9-14. Work party to be solicited from volunteers at District Meeting on 5-12, for work on the weekend of May 17.

Communications- Commissioner Wooten. No report this month

Recruitment – Commissioner Sowards. No new members this month, but possibly 2 new recruits from Orient.

Fire Safety - None

Insurance – Small items inventory list just about complete.

Chief's Report: April to May 2014

I've been working hard on getting the 2013 DNR 50/50 freight liner grant closed out. I have submitted the information needed, but did not receive confirmation on the status of this grant.

I have placed a few calls into the burn tower manufactures and asked for a list of customers who have purchased buildings from them. Fire Facilities had no issue in responding to my request. However fire training structures basically told me no. I have been in contact with two other fire departments about their burn towers, some concerns about choosing the correct tower have been brought to my attention.

The first question: From ten years from now, what type of buildings and growth will the surrounding area see.

The second question: What type of buildings are in other fire district that might contract the building for training?

The third question: How long will it be before you outgrow the unit you have purchased and does it cover the basic needs such as, fire behavior, ventilation, roof ventilation, roof design, forcible entry, basement scenarios, ladder ops, basic size up and student size.

I still would like to move forward with this project and have set a goal for September to purchase the correct building for the district. This will allow time to acquire more state mobilization funds for this project and possible grants.

Robert Lee has completed the installation of the pump repair in 3848 and this unit will be back in service within the week.

The pump on 3851 will not have to be replaced. I found an issue with a valve that was bleeding off pressure from the system and I have a new valve on the way. And brush 3891 had the injector pump turned up for more power, we had to purchase some exhaust temp gauges to monitor the increased horsepower. I plan on doing the same with 3848 to increase the power.

I have been working with BLM on a prescribed burn in the Sand creek area and contracted out two pieces of equipment on May 17th, the dozer and one tender. This will bring in about \$2,260 in revenue to the district after the fire fighters have been paid off the truck wages @ \$17.00 per hour. See page two for rates.

90% of the new fire fighters have completed fire fighter II wild land training; we are looking good for this year's wild land fire season in having trained personnel. We had two fire fighters attend fire fighter I class in Kettle falls and will need task books for completion.

Dale from GSA Xcess presented me a list of items from California; Jaws of Life, air support bags, vehicle hoist, rescue tools and vehicle sirens, I have submitted for these items but no promises of approval can be made. So we get what we get, I have a list/cost of items if wanted.

Medical Officer's Report: We have been putting our new First Responders to work lately and they are learning quickly. Most or all are also training to ride with the Stevens County Sheriff's Ambulance. We have recently purchased a 2009 Dodge diesel ambulance for \$25,900. It is currently located in Houston, TX and we are making plans to bring it here. Rescue 3845 has had some mechanical issues

lately but now appears to be operating well. We still have not received the 2014 Pre-hospital Participation Grant but expect it soon somewhere in the \$1200-\$1300 range

Open Issues:

1. Hwy 395 signs: An agreement was received from DOT for our signature. The Commissioners are declining signature at this time due to the high costs being piled on by DOT. Commissioner Morton will work with the office to now involve our State legislators and possibly the Federal Highway Administration in this project.

Motion: Wooten, temporary policy to require two flaggers to stop traffic on Hwy 395 when moving the dozer out of the station area, seconded by Benell. m/s/p

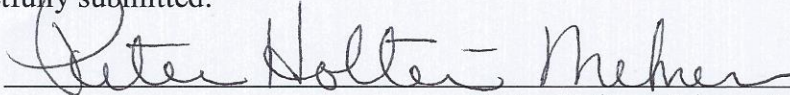
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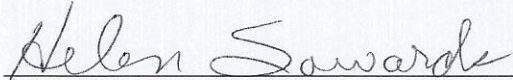
The district boot policy was discussed at length.

Motion, Wooten, to purchase or reimburse new recruits up to \$210 for the cost of a pair of 1977 NFPA compliant wild land boots, seconded by Benell. m/s/p

Adjournment: Motion, Lee, to adjourn at 8:52pm, seconded by Wooten. m/s/p

Respectfully submitted:


Peter Holter-Mehren, Secretary


Chairperson

Amended -

Com. WOOTEN REQUESTED CHIEF'S REPORT
TO BE HANDED OUT PRIOR TO BOARD
MEETING EACH MONTH

