

JOINT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

MINUTES, September 11, 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 September 11, 2014 at the District Office by Chairperson Helen Sowards. Present: Commissioners Helen Sowards, Susan Dechant, Steve Benell, Graham (Rudy) Wooten, Robert Morton, Robert Lee, Chief Herb Hippler, and Secretary Peter Holter-Mehren.

Minutes

Minutes of August 14, 2014 were discussed. **Motion, Wooten, to pass minutes of August 14, 2014, seconded by Benell. m/s/p**

Communications to the Board: None

Correspondence: A notice of upcoming Snure Seminar was read. Secretary Holter-Mehren submitted a letter to the Board reference his intentions to retire from the District as of the end of the November 2014 Board meeting.

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. It was noted that we will need to do a budget adjustment in some categories.

Vouchers were discussed. **Motion, Wooten, to approve vouchers submitted, seconded by Dechant. 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 September 11, 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 \$9271.83, vouchers #305014 through 305037.

Committee Reports

Buildings – Commissioner Lee: Building of the shop is progressing, Floener Electric will be doing inside work, Avista bringing power from the pole to the building.

Communications-

Recruitment – Commissioner Sowards. No new members this month.

Fire Safety - None

Insurance – None

Chief's Report: August to September 2014

We had a busy start for MOB season this year, and then Mother Nature turns the switch off. So I anticipate a total of \$52,000+ for the years end total.

The Humvee has been fixed and placed back in service. Brush 3811 is currently in the shop needing repaired. I asked them to hold off since repairs will be between \$1200 and \$1800. The motors injection system needs totally replaced. 3811 is a Federal Excess Vehicle that we do not own. I would like to return this vehicle and replace it with a one we own and can sell out right.

I would like the commissioners to surplus 3825 (GMC) ambulance. We no longer have a use for it being two wheel drive.

Question, why do we make the training center off limits to fire fighters and EMT's? Our new structure program and now our new OTEP training requires a fast internet connection, each one of these classes has a student log in name and pass word for them to log in and takes classes. We currently have three lap tops that are not being utilized. I would like to make a work station for fire fighters and EMTs to come in and log on to internet classes at their convenience. For this to work, they will need access to the building.

We recently received an email last week from the DNR fire fighter property program director about some surplus vehicles coming up for release. I was informed that they had five vehicles to choose from. We took a trip last Sunday into Monday to review the vehicles, two of the vehicles had mechanical issues and missing parts. We opted not to choose them, but we did find fully functional 4 x4 vehicles with automatic transmission. The vehicles values are over ¼ million dollars, one has 6k miles on it and the other 25k. The cost of getting the vehicles to the district was \$663.09 in fuel and food for the drivers. In a two year time period we will own the vehicles out right. At any time if we opt not to accept the vehicles they can be returned back into the DNR compound in Colville. This was a short notice and had to react on the short time frame. There was another Stevens's county department that showed up after us and received two of the other vehicles. Our goal is to have one ready for 2015 MOB season and the other as a support vehicle to carry the gear for Jaws of Life, water rescue, SCBA bottle fill station and I.C. post with radio station removed from the trailer.

Burn tower, I would like to form a committee to help review all burn buildings and come up with a best fit solution for the district. The committee will consist of 2 fire fighters and one commissioner.

Motion, Wooten, to return 3811 under the FETP, seconded by Benell. m/s/p

Motion, Benell, to surplus 3825 Ambulance for possible sale to another district, seconded by Lee. m/s/p

Medical Officer's Report: None

Open Issues:

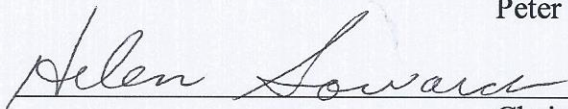
1. CPR and First Aid for fire fighters. Herb has tried to contact Terry Gordon, no reply
2. Recruitment for Tipton Station. Much discussion ensued, some plans will be made to canvass the area in the near future.
3. Warning Signs. Peter and Bob to work on whom to approach next about this problem.

Executive Session: The Board went into Executive Session at 2016 for personnel reviews of the Chief and Purchasing Agent. They came back into public session at 2111.

Adjournment: Motion, Sowards, to adjourn at 9:17pm, seconded by Dechant. m/s/p

Respectfully submitted:

Peter Holter-Mehren, Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Helen Sowards", is written over a horizontal line.

Chairperson