

JOINT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
FERRY COUNTY 3/STEVENS COUNTY 8

MINUTES

August 11, 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 August 11, 2011, at the District Office by Chairman Helen Sowards. Present: Commissioners Helen Sowards, Susan Dechant, , Steve Benell, Robert Lee, Sandy Bakken, Secretary Peter Holter-Mehren, Chief Herb Hippler, Medical Officer Rich Robinson, and Purchasing Agent Mark Stevens. Also present was Sand Creek Station Captain, Dave Oswald

Minutes

Minutes of June 9, 2011 were discussed.

Motion, Dechant, to pass minutes of June 9, 2011, seconded by Bakken m/s/p

Communications to the Board

Station Captain Oswald spoke about the new station, letting the Board know that the Rescue vehicle and tender are now both in the station, the brush truck will be in there as soon as the tank leak is fixed. Commissioner Bakken will take care of setting up phone service to the station and will also contact CDA Construction about the faulty door installation.

Correspondence

A memorandum was read from Enduris regarding our insurance rates for the upcoming year.

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. Susan explained the upcoming 3-year audit. She then presented an amended budget for 2011

Motion Sowards, to pass amended budget, seconded by Lee. m/s/p

Vouchers

Vouchers were discussed. The electrical usage at Sand Creek seems very high. Avista will come out and re-read the meter.

Motion Bakken, to approve vouchers, seconded by Dechant.

m/s/p

Motion, Dechant, to transfer 20K from State Pool, scoded 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 July 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 2011190 through 2011213 in the total amount of \$20257.18.

Committee Reports

Buildings: Sand Creek Station: Commissioner Bakken presented a recommendation that we purchase a new side vent propane heater at \$1030, plus approximately \$600 to install.

MOTION, Dechant, to install current heater on-hand, rent and fill propane tank, at best price available., seconded, Benell. m/s/p

Orient Station: Commissioner Bakken provided an estimate from Norstar for \$3974.74 for a new electric furnace at Orient Station, without the electrical installation. Commissioner Bakken was directed to get a second estimate for R-Rate heating.

County will be putting up road signs designation the fire station location.

Communications: Still working on moving the repeater, next step is to arrange for an easement.

Recruitment – Commissioner Sowards. No new volunteers

Fire Safety – Commissioner Dickinson. Not present

Insurance- Commissioner Benell.

Chiefs Report:

The trip to Montana went well as we logged over 1600 miles in two days to retrieve the trailer. I drove 3892 the second state mob truck, we had no issues except for gas cards that would work. I have purchased some new / used flooring for the trailer as they removed the carpet due to stains. The cost of the trailer will be \$400 from GSA.

The wild land red cards have been received from DNR and issued out.

Surplus items, we are still waiting on the paper work for the new vehicle from the forest service.

Once again we are putting up the 1971 Int'l tender up for public bid, it is currently parked at Barney's station.

DNR will be doing an inventory audit of the FEEP vehicles and will be removing 3819 and 3810 from our inventory list.

FEMA grant opens next week, I would like to try to apply for another tender and supplies to outfit the engine in station #6, we are looking at about \$55,000 for the engine equipment and about \$275,000 for the tender, or we could apply for a boat that is 20' and under for swift water rescue.

Remember 5 years ago when we started talking about narrow band radios and who none of our equipment would not be in compliance by 2012, well that date is only 4 months away and we are now 100% compliant, thanks to FEMA grants and DNR grants, even the repeater is ready, good job. In December will have to reprogram all the hand held radios and vehicle radios.

Please see 911 reports for all fire and medical incidents.

State mobilization fires; we attended one state MOB fire on road 29, looks like will have made about \$2700 for two vehicles in one day, sent 3891 and 3828.

Medical Officer's Report:

Only two incidents reported during this period. Discussion was held on transporting our own volunteers. Research will be done on this question.

Open Issues:

- Annexation of the Deadman Creek area was discussed. The Board worked on a letter and it will go out on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 advising of the need for annexation. A public meeting is planned for August 25, 2011, 6:00pm, and will be published accordingly in the Statesman-Examiner.
- Barstow Station addition: Mark presented the board with an estimate on construction costs. No action was taken at this time.
- USFS Vehicle Acquisition: The new vehicle is on-site, will be insured shortly.

New Issues

Station Inspections have been completed and September 15th, 6pm has been designated as the date for our annual Long Term Planning Meeting.:

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: 8:30 pm on Motion by Sowards, seconded by Benell. m/s/p

Respectfully submitted:

Peter Holter-Mehren, Secretary