



Grant County Fire District No. 8

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Board of Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Grant County Fire Protection District No. 8 was held on April 12, 2022. The meeting was held in person and via Zoom. Information for the public to participate was posted on our website and on the door of the main station on November 4, 2020. The meeting was recorded by Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 16:00 by Board Chair Scott Nesbit.

The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

Commissioners present: Scott Nesbit, Debra Crain, Paul Parker, Richard Kummer, and Russell Brixey. A quorum was established.

Others present: District Secretary Barbara Davis, Ross Massey, Rolando Rivera, Nick Trejo, Matt Hyndman, Gabriel Noyola, Doug Anderson, Brandy Kirkendall, Mireya Loera, Pam Thorsen, Caroline Whiteside.

The members of the public were welcomed and invited to comment. Pam Thorsen said she came to the meeting for information for her Desert Aire Owners Association committee and because she heard there was a change in leadership. There were no other comments.

The agenda was reviewed. A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion: Kummer. Second: Brixey. Motion approved unanimously.**

The Consent Agenda with Vouchers, Payroll, and Transactions was reviewed. Review and Approve Vouchers, Payroll, and Transactions: Vouchers were audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expenses reimbursed claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, having been recorded on a listing that had been made available to the Board. A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion: Brixey. Second: Kummer. Motion approved unanimously.** The documents were signed by the Board.

Chief's Report: Davis stated there was no Chief's report but she had call volume information and Ross Massey would give a report on apparatus status.

Calls for service in March: 60 calls - EMS 46, Fire 14 YTD 14 4

Massey reported that ambulance 898 was in for service, the new 5-ton had new batteries, and the truck committee was going to meet before training the next night. He was asked who was on the truck committee and he replied that he was on it with Doug Anderson and Matt Hyndman. He issued an invitation to all others to come to the meetings. There were no further questions.

Business Manager/District Secretary's Report: Secretary Davis reviewed her written report and discussed financial reports. She stated she was schedule to take training on filing the annual report and unclaimed property later this month. She also stated she was working on a budget amendment. She stated she had nothing further and there were no questions.

Unfinished Business:

1. Facilities –
 - a. Davis stated that the warranty walk through was conducted last week, but she hadn't seen a report on the findings. She knew there were some minor fixes for nail pops and cracked grout. She also reported that the room leaked into the attic when we had horizontal rain and snow. The contractor was to be contacted.
2. Grants –
 - a. Ambulance Grant – Davis stated we were awarded the remainder of the grant funds and she had forwarded the email to the Board.
 - b. Other Grant – Davis reported that we were still waiting on FEMA.
3. Policy Reviews and Updates – none
4. Strategic Planning Workshop – tabled until May meeting

There was discussion on fire impact fees and the "junk yard" south of SR 243 S and Rd R SW. There was also discussion on the ladder truck and the training personnel would need to operate it. There were no additional unfinished business items.

New Business: See above

Additional Business: Davis reported that FF/EMT accepted a job at Yakima Fire District 4 and he would start in May.

Commissioner Nesbit stated the Board would go into executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) for ten (10) minutes to review Mr. Joe Noonchester's severance package. Executive session began at 16:45 and ended at 16:55. No decisions were made.

Commissioner Nesbit stated the Board would go into executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for the Fire Chief position. He stated the session would be 30 minutes long. Executive session began at 16:57 and ended at 17:27. The Board asked for 15 more minutes. This began at 17:27 and ended at 17:42. No decisions were made.

Commissioner Nesbit announced that the meeting would resume after a five (5) minute break. The meeting resumed at 17:47.


A motion was made to hire Matt Hyndman as Fire Chief when he separated from his current job and pending employment agreement and benefits negotiations to be held at a special meeting held on Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 16:00. **Motion: Brixey. Second: Kummer. Motion approved unanimously.**

Announcements & Upcoming Events

1. Easter festivities at the Mattawa and Desert Aire parks on Saturday, April 16.
2. Day of the Children celebration in Mattawa on Friday, April 29, with a parade starting at the schools.
3. Next meeting: May 10, 2022 at 16:00 via Zoom and in person

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 17:55 hours.


Board Chair


District Secretary

5/10/2022
Date

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