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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 August 13, 2024. 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. The meeting was recorded by Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 16:04 by Board Vice Chair Scott Nesbit.

The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

Commissioners present: Scott Nesbit, Paul Parker, Debra Crain, and Russell Brixey (via Zoom). A quorum was established. A motion was made to excuse Commissioner Richard Kummer due to illness. **Motion: Crain. Second: Parker. Motion approved unanimously.**

Others present: Chief Matt Hyndman, District Secretary Barbara Davis

There were no of the public in attendance to be welcomed and invited to comment.

The agenda was reviewed. A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion: Parker.** Second: Crain. 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. Davis stated that Chief had marked the AP vouchers that were grant related. Commissioner Parker asked Chief about the tire repairs and Chief explained. Commissioner Crain asked about the tires and rims from DNR and Chief explained the issues. There was no further discussion and no questions. A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion: Crain. Second: Parker. Motion approved unanimously.** The documents were signed by the Board.

Chief's Report: Chief reviewed this written report. Call volume in July: 63 calls - EMS 49, Fire 14. He said there were 369 calls at the end of July last year and this year we were at 342 calls. Chief reported that he was almost done with BR829 and Dozer 81 needed an AC compressor. He reported that Brindlee Mountain had no buyers for the surplus vehicles. Chief reported that the D6T dozer (Dozer 83) was at the CAT dealership in Delaware and he expected a repair quote soon. Chief reported that Blake Fuller was off probation and his pinning was that night, Evan passed his NREMT, and we still need more residents. Chief reviewed the IFSAC training schedule starting next month and reported that fall EMT classes were set up for residents and volunteers. Chief reported that he has received a lot of great feedback on the sign at Station 82 and he was waiting to hear back on modifications he made to the shop plans. Chief reviewed the status of our grant applications. He stated that we were awarded the AFG Hose Grant for \$286,000 to replace all hoses, nozzles, and fittings; awarded the DNR computer grant and purchased printers for him and Davis along with more Chromebooks for testing. He reported he was able to get an air-conditioned bathroom trailer for calls out on the slope. He's picking it up tomorrow and looking at a lowboy trailer and truck when he's there. Chief reported that he sent crews to two State Mobes - two FF and BRU828 to the Big Horn Fire and TEN810 with two FF to the Banks Lake Fire. Chief said he had nothing further. Commissioner Nesbit asked him about his EMT cert and Chief said he is planning to have that and his Fire Officer 1 and 2 by the end of the year. There were no questions.

Business Manager/District Secretary's Report: Secretary Davis reviewed her written report and discussed the available financial reports. Davis reported that we were chosen to participate in a DOH Workforce Grant and we were one of eight transport agencies chosen from rural agencies around the state, and it is a 5-year grant. She had nothing further. Commissioner Parker asked about our Airlift NW memberships. Davis stated the memberships were paid earlier in the year but she would follow up to confirm everyone was renewed. Chief stated that we had discussed memberships with both Airlift NW and Lifeflight during the budget planning last year, but no decisions were made the. There was discussion on the topic and it was decided to discuss it further during the budget workshop. There were no questions.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Additional Business: None

Commissioner Nesbit asked if there was any reason for an executive session and there was none.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

- 1. Next regular meeting: September 10, 2024 at 16:00 via Zoom and in person. Commissioner Brixey stated he would still be out of town and he asked Vice Chair Commissioner Nesbit to run the meeting.
- 2. First Responder Dinner: September 18, 2024 from 17:00 to 19:00 from Grace Church at Station 81

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 16:39 hours.

Board Chair

District Secretary

9/10/2024

Date

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