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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 November 12, 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 16:03 by Chair Commissioner Russell Brixey.

The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

Commissioners present: Russell Brixey, Scott Nesbit, and Debra Crain. A quorum was established. Davis stated that Commissioner Paul Parker had an excuse for medical reasons. A motion was made to excuse Commissioner Paul Parker for medical reasons. **Motion: Nesbit. Second: Crain. 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: Nesbit. 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. There was discussion on the bills and no questions. A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion: Crain. Second: Nesbit. Motion approved unanimously.** The documents were signed by the Board.

Chief's Report: Chief reviewed this written report. Call volume in October: 45 calls - EMS 40, Fire 5. He said there were 547 calls at the end of October last year and this year we were at 503 calls. Chief reported on apparatus repairs for various apparatus. He asked the Board's opinion on auctioning Rescue 815 as there has been no interest in it at Brindlee Mountain. There was discussion on this and the consensus was to surplus and auction it off. He further reported that the 2010 ambulance was sold and shipped to new owners. Chief stated that two candidates for the resident positions were scheduled for tomorrow. Chief stated that he had started negotiations with the union on the CBA and there was discussion on the details. Chief reviewed the training schedule and stated the he and FF/EMT Roberts passed their Fire Officer 2 practicals and were waiting to hear about the written test. Chief reported that he has the shop plans and plans to advertise for bids soon after ensuring we do it correctly. Chief stated that the hose grant items were in and being labeled before being placed on apparatus. He reported he was starting to apply for DNR grants as well. Chief said he had nothing further. Davis pointed out the new incident type chart for Board review. There were no questions.

**Business Manager/District Secretary's Report:** Secretary Davis stated she did not present a written report because all she had were financial reports, which were reviewed. She had nothing further and there were no questions.

### **Unfinished Business:**

1. 2025 Draft Operating Budget – Davis reported that the suggested changes from the October 29<sup>th</sup> special meeting were incorporated into the budget as agreed. There was discussion on these items. A motion was made to approve the 2025 Draft Operating Budget as presented. **Motion: Nesbit. Second: Crain. Motion approved unanimously.** 

### **New Business:**

- Commissioner Richard Kummer's Resignation Davis presented Commissioner Kummer's resignation letter dated and effective November 7, 2024. There was discussion. A motion was made to accept Commissioner Kummer's resignation. Motion: Nesbit. Second: Crain. Motion approved unanimously. Commissioner Brixey directed Chief and Davis to publish a notice for letters of interest in the open commissioner position, which would be reviewed at the next meeting.
- 2. WFCA Healthcare Program Agreement Davis presented the annual agreement and stated it was the same as previous years with the addition of an additional option for medical insurance based on the CBA negotiations. A motion was made to approve the WFCA Healthcare Program Agreement. Motion: Nesbit. Second: Crain. Motion approved unanimously. Commissioner Brixey signed the document.

Commissioner Brixey announced there would be a ten (10) minute break at 16:55. The meeting resumed at 17:05.

### Additional Business:

1. Resolution 2024-006 – Declaration of Surplus Property and Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property – Davis presented the resolution declaring Rescue 815 surplus to the District needs and authorizing Chief to sell or auction it. There was discussion and then a motion was made to approve Resolution 2024-006 Declaration of Surplus Property and Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property for Rescue 815. Motion: Nesbit. Second: Crain. Motion approved unanimously. The document was signed by the Board.

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

# Announcements & Upcoming Events

1. Next regular meeting: December 10, 2024 at 16:00 via Zoom and in person.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 17:10 hours.

Board Chair

District Secretary

12-10-24

Date

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