



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 at Fire Station 81, 510 E Government Road, Mattawa, WA on April 9, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Board Vice Chair Debra Crain at 16:01 hours. The meeting was recorded.

The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

Commissioners present: Debra Crain, Paul Parker, Russell Brixey, and Richard Kummer. A quorum was established. Commissioner Scott Nesbit informed the Board last month that he would be absent this month. A motion was made to excuse his absence. **Motion: Parker, Second: Kummer. Motion approved unanimously.**

Others present: District Secretary Barbara Davis; Chief David Patterson was on a call

No members of the public were present to be welcomed and invited to comment.

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 reviewed Chief's written report.

1. Call Volume - March had 10 fire calls and 33 EMS calls for a total of 43 calls for the month, with a year-to-date of 134 calls.
2. Tender 810 - The truck is back and at Station 82 for now. Chief did a road test and a spray test, which went well. He is working on getting the correct light bar and signage on the truck, but it is operational now.
3. Hudson Unemployment Hearing – Davis reported Hudson appealed Employment Security's finding that he was ineligible for unemployment because he was fired for insubordination. There is a hearing on Thursday, 4/11, at 10:30 regarding the issue.
4. New Hire – Davis stated that Justin Axtman, Firefighter/EMT, started on 4/1 and did his first shift last weekend. There was discussion on his experience.

Davis stated Chief had nothing further on his report unless there were questions. There were no questions.

Business Manager/District Secretary's Report: Secretary Davis reviewed her written report.

1. Financial reports were reviewed. The reports were reviewed and there were no questions or comments.
2. Blood Drive - The next drive is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2019, from noon to 5:00 pm. Davis reminded Commissioners Parker and Brixey that they will need to file for reelection next month and she would remind them again next month. She stated she had nothing further to add and there were no questions.

Unfinished Business:

1. Facilities – Davis stated that she relayed the Board's directive to Chief regarding the architect and he had an idea that, perhaps, would not be as expensive. She said that Chief wants to create our own rosters so we can have local consultants. There was a great deal of discussion on creating our own rosters and more discussion on steps to move forward. The consensus of the Board was that Chair Nesbit would work with Chief and the Building Committee to make steps to move forward as soon as possible.

2. SAFER Grant – Davis reported that the grant was submitted on time. She and Chief had a conference call with the grant writer to get feedback on the process. We agreed that the process went well and Chief asked the grant writer to look at SCBA and medical equipment grants next. There was discussion on the grant details.

There were no additional unfinished business items.

New Business:

1. Station House Use Policy – Commissioner Crain stated that Commissioner Nesbit had been approached about letting law enforcement officers use the Station House. There was discussion on the history of the policy and purpose of purchasing the house in the first place. Commissioners Parker and Kummer stated that if use by outside parties was allowed, an appropriate fee would need to be charged. There was more discussion and a roundtable poll concluded that the Board was satisfied with the policy as it was with no changes.

Additional Business

1. Davis stated that she had the WFCAs Annual Report in the office for viewing.
2. Commissioner Kummer brought back information binders for staff and the Board from the WFCAs Saturday Seminar he attended in Spokane.

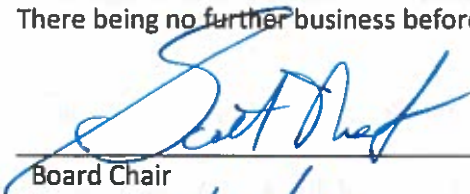
There were no other additional business items.

Commissioner Crain asked if there was a need for an Executive Session. There was none.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

- Next meeting: May 14, 2019 at 16:00.


There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 16:57 hours.



Board Chair

5/14/19

Date



District Secretary

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