



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 June 11, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Scott Nesbit at 16:00 hours. The meeting was recorded.

The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

Commissioners present: Scott Nesbit, Paul Parker, and Richard Kummer. A quorum was established. Commissioners Debra Crain and Russell Brixey asked to be excused from the meeting prior to the meeting. A motion was made to excuse Commissioners Crain and Brixey. **Motion: Parker, Second: Kummer. Motion approved unanimously.**

Others present: Chief David Patterson and District Secretary Barbara Davis

There were no members of the public to welcomed and invited to comment.

The agenda was reviewed. A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion: Kummer, Second: Parker. 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: Kummer, Second: Nesbit. Motion approved unanimously.** The documents were signed by the Board.

Chief's Report: Chief reviewed his written report.

1. Call Volume - May had 19 fire calls and 34 EMS calls for a total of 52 calls for the month, with a year-to-date of 229 calls.
2. Brush Truck Tires – Chief reported that the 4 new tires procured last month were in good shape and at Mattawa Tire being mounted. He reminded the Board that new tires were \$1,500 each when we bought tires for T810 and T820 a few years ago. He said he wanted to purchase six more for \$300 each. There was discussion on tire usage. The Board agreed that Chief should get more tires for safety.
3. Gravel at Station House – Chief reported that gravel had been delivered to the station house and would be spread around the yard over the next week.
4. Insurance Rating & Survey Bureau – Chief stated the bureau is scheduled to come in on 7/1/19 for our 5-year evaluation.
5. Desert Aire Owners Association Ballot – Chief stated that Desert Aire had sent a ballot for homeowner's association issues. He handed a copy of the ballot to the commissioners and asked them to fill out and return it to him so he could take the consensus as the District's vote. There was discussion on the ballot measures.

6. Burn Ban – Chief reminded the Board that the County-wide burn ban was effective on 6/1/19. He stated that the District has had good compliance so far compared to other Districts.
7. Additional Brush Trucks – Chief said he wanted to add two more brush trucks in the next year or so. He stated that last year, we had three trucks broken down after the Buck Shot Fire and it left us with one good truck for the O Rd Fire. He stated we were lucky to have state resources available to help with that fire. He went on to explain that he was looking at M1081 54x4 LMTV Cargo Trucks that were military surplus and would have 1,000-gallon tanks. He said there were some at the SR 243 Fire outside of Beverly and they are more maneuverable than the 6x6s that we currently run. Chief stated that there is room for one at Station 82 and there will be room for 2 at Station 83. He stated he is planning to turn 840 back over to DNR at the end of the season. Commissioner Nesbit suggested that Chief put together a cost analysis. Commissioner Parker suggested using a skid pack similar to BR 818s.

Chief added that Chief for a Day was last Thursday and this was our fifth year to participate. The event was a success again. Commissioner Nesbit commented that he saw articles on iFiber and Facebook. There was discussion on the history and agencies that participated.

Chief stated he had nothing further 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. Filing for Reelection– Davis reported that Commissioners Parker's online registration had been received, but Commissioner Brixey's had not, but he will have another opportunity to file in August. The Elections office would send out a reminder.
3. LEOFF2 Rates – Davis reported that she received notification that contribution rates are changing effective 7/1/19 and she discussed the slight lowering of the rates.
4. Blood Drive - The next drive is scheduled for Tuesday, July 23, 2019, from noon to 5:00 pm.

She stated she had nothing further to add and there were no questions.

Unfinished Business:

1. Facilities – Chief stated that Marcus from Architects West will be here for a meeting on 6/20/19. He will be bringing revised floor plan options along with a site plan. There was discussion about the project.
2. SAFER Grant – Davis reported that the status has not changed.
3. 911 Nuisance Calls – Davis reviewed the discussion history and email and memo from attorney, Brian Snure. There was considerable discussion about the memo and Commissioner Nesbit suggested that staff work with on a policy for Board review.

There were no additional unfinished business items.

New Business: none.

Additional Business: none.

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

Announcements & Upcoming Events

- Golf Cart Parade 7/4/19.
- Fly-In Breakfast 6/15/19
- Next meeting: July 9, 2019 at 16:00.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 17:13 hours.



Board Chair



District Secretary



Date



Date

