



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 March 8, 2022. Gubernatorial Proclamation 20-28 regarding open public meetings act and public records act prohibited 100% in person meetings. This meeting was virtual, telephonic, and in person in compliance with the proclamation. The meeting was held via Zoom and 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 16:02 by Board Chair Scott Nesbit.

The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

Commissioners present: Scott Nesbit, Debra Crain, Paul Parker, and Richard Kummer (via Zoom at 16:23). A quorum was established.

Others present: Chief Joe Noonchester, District Secretary Barbara Davis, Gabriel Noyola and his family, Firefighters Ross Massey, Nate Aamold, and Rolando Rivera.

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

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

Chief's Report: Noonchester reviewed his written report.

Calls for service in January: EMS 28, Fire 6 YTD 84

Chief discussed the progress of the ladder truck committee and the basic specifications that were agreed upon. He reviewed strategic planning ideas. Chief reported that he and Davis attended a pre-build meeting at Brawn NW for the new ambulance. He reported that safety gear would be ordered in the next days and he hoped to have everyone outfitted by the end of March. Chief stated that union negotiations would begin next month and he had scheduled Richard Davis to attend as we move through the process. Commissioner Crain asked about the length of the ladder truck and Chief explained that the length would be needed to get around power lines and reach the 3-story buildings. Commissioner Kummer asked about cyber security and the dams. Chief replied that he's working on the committee to update the Grant County Hazard Mitigation Plan. There was discussion on the details. He stated he had nothing further and there were no other questions.

Business Manager/District Secretary's Report: Secretary Davis reviewed her written report and discussed financial reports. She stated she had nothing further and there were no questions.

Unfinished Business:

1. Facilities –

- a. Chief stated that the warranty walk through was scheduled for the end of the month and there were a few items to be repaired under the warranty. Commissioner Nesbit asked about the helicopter landing zone at the station. Chief stated that we had discussed a grant to build one and explained FAA regulations that would have to be met. There was discussion on the details. The Board agreed that it would be helpful to have another basic landing zone in the District.

2. Grants –

- a. Ambulance Grant – Davis stated that the grant had been submitted and we were waiting to hear from the State.
- b. Training Grant – Chief reported that we wouldn't know if we got it until late summer or fall.

Commissioner Nesbit suggested the Board skip to Item 10) New Business on the agenda so Gabriel Noyola's family wouldn't have to sit through the whole meeting. The Board agreed. Chief Noonchester announced that Firefighter Noyola had been promoted to Captain after nearly 11 years of service. Captain Noyola took his oath of office. The Board congratulated him on his promotion and thanked him for his service.

3. Policy Reviews and Updates –

- a. POL 4.1.6 Shift Captain Job Description – Davis presented the new policy held over from last month. She explained this was a future position and not funded in the budget. A motion was made to approve the POL 4.1.6 Shift Captain Job Description policy as presented. **Motion: Crain. Second: Kummer. Motion approved unanimously.**
 - b. POL. 4.4.2 Dress Code, Uniforms, and Personal Appearance Policy – Davis presented the revised policy as directed from last month's meeting. A motion was made to approve the POL 4.4.2 Dress Code, Uniforms, and Personal Appearance policy as presented. **Motion: Parker. Second: Crain. Motion approved unanimously.**
4. Strategic Planning Workshop – Davis provided copies of the 2015 plan to the Board for review before the workshop on Saturday and asked them to bring ideas to that meeting.
 5. Resolution 2022-001-Multi-year General Levy Lid Lift – Davis presented the revised resolution as directed by the Board last month. She noted there were highlighted areas regarding the percentage in increases and suggested the Board direct questions to Brian Snure during the Strategic Planning Workshop on Saturday. The Board agreed.

There were no additional unfinished business items.

New Business: See above

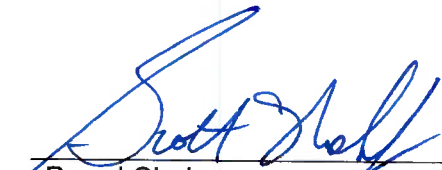
Additional Business: Chief reported that FF/EMT Geoff Hudson have his 2-week notice of separation this afternoon. He said he would fill the position as soon as possible with another entry level FF/EMT. Chief stated Hudson was moving back to Arizona and wished him luck.

Commissioner Nesbit asked if there was a need for an executive session. There was none.


Announcements & Upcoming Events

1. Next meeting: April 12, 2022 at 16:00 via Zoom and in person
2. Strategic Planning Workshop: March 12, 2022 at 10:00 in the Training Room.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 17:11 hours.



Board Chair



District Secretary



Date



Date