



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 April 9, 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 16:00⁰⁵ by Board Vice Chair Scott Nesbit.

The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

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

Others present: Chief Matt Hyndman, District Secretary Barbara Davis

There were three members of the public attending and they were welcomed and invited to comment. They had no comments.

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. There was discussion on various bills, but 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 March: 37 calls - EMS 30, Fire 7. He said there were 142 calls at the end of March last year and this year we were at 123 calls. Chief reported that all apparatus were nearly done receiving servicing and he is working on BR829. He stated he got the information Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus needed to sell Rescue 815 and the surplus ambulance and the posts should come out soon. Chief reported that all career positions were full and there was one open resident position. Chief gave an update on training events with wildland refresher class done, NFPA ASIP class, tech rescue, and the fire school in Wenatchee in May, as well as hazmat and IFSAC testing in May. Chief reported on facilities repairs stating that the air compressor appears to be repaired and has been running trouble free for five days, irrigation is on at Station 81 and weed control is proceeding, the engineering of dirt work for the shop was just about ready for submission, and he added a LED reader board for Station 82 as part of the Firewise grant. Chief reported on grants and said that the AFG hose grant and the SAFER recruitment and retention grant have both been submitted. He stated he was working on grants to build a training center. He said he submitted for a \$10,000 grant for PPE. He was also signed the agreement with DNR for the Firewise program in Desert Aire that will reimburse us for home inspections and purchase tablets. Chief said he and nothing further and 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 the State Auditor's Office was done with the audit and it was clean with a few minor exit items. Davis stated that she was attending the EMS Conference in Ocean Shores next month. She reported that she had purchased a 12-lead simulator that attaches to the LifePak15s as a training tool to help EMTs recognize emergent rhythms. There was discussion on the simulator and how it would be used in training. She had nothing further and there were no questions.

Unfinished Business:

1. Policy Reviews and Updates: none
2. Strategic Plan (Staffing) – Chief stated that he and Davis were signed up to attend a Strategic Planning seminar in Lake Chelan in June. He said they were going to ensure they had a good understanding of the process and to make sure we weren't missing anything.

New Business: None

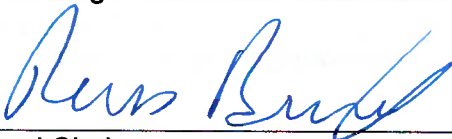
Additional Business: Commissioner Brixey asked about the City of Mattawa annexation issue. There was discussion on the issue and no decisions were made. Davis stated that the website and social media were being used to education voters on the issue and encourage people to vote.

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

Announcements & Upcoming Events

1. Next regular meeting: May 14, 2024 at 16:00 via Zoom and in person.
2. City of Mattawa Clean Up: May 17 and 18.
3. Volunteer Association Pancake Feed Fundraiser: May 25, 2024 from 07:00 to 11:00.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 16:45 hours.



Board Chair



District Secretary

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