



## 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 August 8, 2023. 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 16:00 by Board Chair Debra Crain.

The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

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

Others present: Chief Matt Hyndman, District Secretary Barbara Davis, A Shift: Cesar Sanchez, Rolando Rivera, Bellen Tellez, and Hermilo Tlatelpa

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

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

**Chief's Report:** Chief reviewed this written report. Call volume in July: 64 calls - EMS 39, Fire 25; 16 calls over from the same time last year. Chief gave an update on apparatus status and repairs on L81, BR819, T810, BR829, and Ambulance 899. He reported that the hose testing was done and the crews were detailing HR815, A898, and the old C8100 so they could be photographed for sales listings. Chief stated the hiring process was successful with 14 applicants, 12 tested for CPAT and EMS skills, 10 were interviewed, and five (5) performed ride along shifts. He offered the open position to Blake Fuller, who would be starting soon. Chief reported that the sixth resident firefighter was filled with Evan Schalkle who started last month. Chief stated that he would be out on bereavement starting the evening of August 9 and he would return to the office on August 15. Chief reported that he has several trainings lined up for the fall and he reminded the Board that the WFCA conference was coming up in October and he planned to register himself and any interested Commissioners. Commissioners Kummer and Brixey stated they were interested in going. Chief reported that the Desert Aire house sale was completed and the funds received. He reported that a fire sprinkler went off in the compressor room and flooded it so there was damage. An insurance claim was created and repairs are in progress. He also reported that the compressor room flood affected the septic system and Think Tank pumped the tanks and will perform repairs. They also commented that the tanks should have been concrete rather than poly tanks. Will need to spray for spiders in the attic spaces at Station 81. Chief reported that we were awarded another DNR grant. This one was \$4,000 for a computer. He also gave short updates on the progress of the FEMA SAFER and AFG grant applications. He said the grant writer is on the lookout for a future training center grant. Chief said he had nothing further and there were no questions.