



## 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 December 13, 2022. 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 on November 4, 2020. The meeting was recorded by Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 16:00 by Board Chair Scott Nesbit.

The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

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

Others present: Chief Matt Hyndman, District Secretary Barbara Davis, FF/EMT Jose Cruz, FF Rolando Rivera, and Resident FF Jerry Martinez.

There were no members of the public to welcomed and invited to comment. FF/EMT Cruz informed the Board that he accepted a job offer from the City of Spokane and there was discussion on the details.

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

**Chief's Report:** Chief reviewed this written report.

Call volume in November: 53 calls - EMS 45, Fire 8 and YTD 622 and last year was 560. He said this was a 41% increase from 2012. There was discussion on call volume.

Chief reported on apparatus repairs and modifications to BR829 and gave updates on the ladder and new engine. Commissioner Brixey asked about the training period needed for the new ladder truck. Chief said he has the training material for it and will probably just have paid staff operate it at first. He updated the Board on personnel with all full-time positions filled, but will need to back full Jose's position in February. He said we will post testing dates next week. All six resident are filled. He stated the EMT class will start the second week of January here at the main station and there are 10 people taking it. Chief reported that the state fire marshal's office dropped off a roof prop for us to use. He reported on facilities and stated the water softener at Station 81 is working great. Chief stated he met with realtor, Josh Seanard, about the DA house and learned he has a 6% commission. Chief said he and nothing further and there were no questions.

**Business Manager/District Secretary's Report:** Secretary Davis reviewed her written report then discussed the available financial reports. Davis reported that the general levy passed with a 25-vote

margin and informed the Board that Resolution 2022-004 for the general levy was not sent to the county since the levy ballot measure passed. Davis informed the Board that she and Chief were working on a recommendation to increase ambulance billing rates due to the increase in cost of materials and other items to provide EMS services. There was discussion on rate and cost increases. She had nothing further and there were no questions.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Grants – Chief stated he was working on a couple of DNR grants. Davis reported that she would work on the amendment to the AFG training grant on January. Chief and Davis stated they are considering applying for another SAFER grant for additional personnel.
2. Policy Reviews and Updates – none
3. Strategic Planning Workshop –
  - a. Apparatus Updates – Chief reported that he and Davis had contacted Braun NW to change the color scheme of the current build. They shared the drawings provided. Chief stated that having all apparatus with the same color scheme will help the public know that fire and EMS services are all provided by us. The new color scheme is black over red with a dark gray stripe below the doors and reflective red and gold chevrons on the back. The Board indicated that they liked it.
  - b. Facilities Updates – none
  - c. Staffing Plan - There was discussion on when to have the workshop in February, but it was tabled until the January meeting.

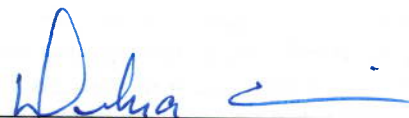
**New Business:** None


**Additional Business:** Chief reported that he spoke with DOT representatives about double striping SR 243 S from the intersection with Road 23 SW to past Road 22.5 SW. There was discussion on the safety of SR 243 S.

**Announcements & Upcoming Events**

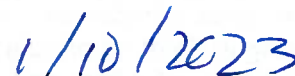
1. Next regular meeting: January 10, 2023 at 16:00 via Zoom and in person. Election of Chair and Vice Chair were added to the agenda.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 16:58 hours.

  
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