



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 May 10, 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, and Russell Brixey. A quorum was established. Davis stated that Commissioner Kummer called yesterday to say he wouldn't be at the meeting due to a doctor appointment. A motion was made to excuse Richard Kummer's absence.

Motion: Brixey. Second: Crain. Motion approved unanimously.

Others present: Chief Matt Hyndman, District Secretary Barbara Davis, Rolando Rivera, Jose Cruz, Jack Wutzke, and Jim Haeefe.

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: Brixey. 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.

Commissioner Parker asked for a correction to the April 7, 2022 meeting minutes to add the phrase "without cause" to the motion to terminate Joe Noonchester. Davis explained that the increase in the Verizon and Xerox bills were due to early termination fees. Commissioner Parker asked about servicing on 898 and Chief explained. A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion: Brixey. Second: Crain. Motion approved unanimously.** The documents were signed by the Board.

Oath of Office: Chief Hyndman executed the oaths of office for Firefighter/EMT Jack Wutzke and Firefighter Jim Haeefe. The Board congratulated them.

Chief's Report: Chief reviewed this written report.

Call volume in April: 45 calls - EMS 40, Fire 5 and YTD 189. Chief said this is 16.3% above the average and 11.11% above last year at this time.

Chief reported that MES had installed the new SCBA compressor today and he had the tech look at the cascade system on 815 to see if it could be upgraded to work for the 4500 PSI system. It needs new bottles and a few changes to hoses. Chief stated the truck committee met regarding the ladder truck and the new 6x6. He said there were still a lot of unanswered questions on the ladder truck that were being researched. He said the 6x6 would be equipped with the same tank style and they are exploring other pump styles due to maintenance issues. Chief reported repairs to 826 and 827 as well as successful pump tests on the structure engines. Chief stated that FF/EMT Feist is

leaving at the end of the month and we will pull applicants from PST so we can start the interview process as soon as we can and hire someone to reduce shift coverage overtime. He stated that the new radios and chargers have been installed and the old equipment is being gathered to return to MACC. Chief reviewed training for the month and stated that he would be attending the WSFFA Fire Academy in Wenatchee as well as the Washington Fire Chiefs Conference in Wenatchee later this month. Commissioner Nesbit asked if the EMT students were done and Chief replied that they are testing later this week. Chief said he and nothing further and there were no other questions.

Business Manager/District Secretary's Report: Secretary Davis reviewed her written report and discussed the financial reports. She stated attended the annual report webinar from the Auditor's Office where she learned about several changes. She stated the report was due May 30, 2022. She stated she was scheduled to attend an unclaimed property webinar, but took a transport so she rescheduled for next week. She stated she would present the budget amendment next month. She stated she had nothing further and there were no questions.

Unfinished Business:

1. Facilities –
 - a. Chief reported that items from the warranty walk through are being worked on at Station 81.
2. Grants –
 - a. Ambulance Grant – Davis stated we were awarded the remainder of the grant funds and it would be funded before the end of June. The amount isn't firm yet.
3. Policy Reviews and Updates – none
4. Strategic Planning Workshop – tabled until June meeting

New Business: None

Additional Business:


- Davis stated that she was taking a PTO day on May 13, 2022 and would be on vacation the week after Memorial Day.
- Commissioner Nesbit commented that Prothman sent him an email with a reference letter for Joe Noonchester. He asked the Board if they received one as well and there was general discussion about it.
- Rolando Rivera asked the Board about the chances the residents would have to get the open firefighter/EMT position. Commissioner Nesbit stated they would need to follow the hiring procedure.
- There was discussion on the annexation of the City of Mattawa.


Commissioner Nesbit asked if there was a reason to go into executive session. There was none.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

1. Next meeting: June 14, 2022 at 16:00 via Zoom and in person
2. Volunteer event Memorial Weekend, details to be determined.
3. Awards Banquet this summer, details to be determined.
4. Career Day at the high school was successful with lots of interest in volunteering.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 16:50 hours.


Board Chair


District Secretary

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