



**WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO.14
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
September 12, 2014**

PRESENT: Commissioner Larry Moore, and Commissioner Leonard Bjornstad.
District Chief Jerry DeBruin, Battalion Chief Jay Van Middendorp, Battalion Chief
Denise Christensen, Training Division Lieutenant David Moe and District
Administrator Jo Olson

ABSENT: Commissioner RobRoy Graham and Battalion Chief Frank Cain Jr.

GUESTS: Stephen Johnson

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM at Kendall Fire Station.

Items signed by the Commissioners:

- Regular meeting minutes read and approved
- Invoice Vouchers
- Resolution 2014-04 (Adopting Policy & Procedure for District Credit Card Use)
- Resolution 2014-05 (Section 218, providing Social Security coverage to eligible employees of the District.)
- Warrants in the amount of \$21,586.69
- Payroll in the amount of \$19,101.84

Correspondence:

- American Express for Commissioner Larry Moore

August Treasurer's Report:

- No Report at time of meeting

Bank of the Pacific Statement:

- Beginning Balance (08/01/2014) \$3,149.22
- Deposits/Misc Credits 23 \$12,478.03
- Withdrawals/Misc Credits 6 \$14,140.78
- Ending Balance (08/31/2014) \$1,486.47

Old Business:

- Land Loan for Property and House
 - District Chief DeBruin followed up with estimated loan amount scenarios for house & property in Sumas
 - District Chief DeBruin also gave the cost estimate of purchasing a new furnace for the house in Sumas, as discussed in last month's meeting
 - Commissioner Bjornstad asked District Chief DeBruin about the wiring and if it is adequate to handle a new furnace
 - Discussion continued on whether or not to go forward and make an offer
 - District Chief DeBruin indicated he will check on the house wiring for furnace replacement
 - Commissioner Moore asked to follow up again next month
- BLS Transports
 - Commissioner Moore asked how the BLS calls were going.
 - District Chief DeBruin indicated the calls are going well
- Demo Saws
 - District Chief DeBruin spoke to the cost of purchasing demo saws for Welcome and Sumas Stations
 - Commissioner Bjornstad made a motion to purchase a new saw and applicable blades for Welcome Station not to exceed \$1K. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion
 - Commissioner Bjornstad and Commissioner Moore will review the budget for purchasing a new demo saw for Sumas next year
- Army Truck
 - District Chief DeBruin said he is still in the process of applying for a grant

New Business:

- WCFD NO. 14 Incident Report
 - District Chief DeBruin indicated the district actually did more mutual aid calls out of district than were done at Welcome Station
- New Tires
 - Commissioner Moore asked about tires for A-92
 - District Chief DeBruin indicated they will be getting new tires for A-92

Fire Station Reports:

- Station 1, Sumas Battalion Chief Jay Van Middendorp
 - Battalion Chief Van Middendorp said the new volunteer is doing well
 - Battalion Chief Van Middendorp said training is going well now that vacation season is settling down
- Station 2, Kendall Battalion Chief Frank Cain Jr. was absent so Training Division Lieutenant Moe spoke on his behalf
 - Training Division Lieutenant Moe indicated they have picked up one more volunteer here
 - Training Division Lieutenant Moe said there were close to record calls here at Kendall
 - Training Division Lieutenant Moe noted training is going well and he can't say enough nice things about the volunteers and the new volunteers are really stepping up to the plate
- Station 3, Welcome Battalion Chief Denise Christensen
 - Battalion Chief Christensen indicated all is going well at Welcome
 - Battalion Chief Christensen indicated they are short one person, but one volunteer is back so that helps

Guests:

- UGA (Urban Growth Area) Question
 - Guest Stephen Johnson had a question pertaining to the UGA, where it indicates authorizing controlled burning?
 - Training Division Lieutenant Moe indicated that means legal campfires
 - Battalion Chief Christensen says they need to have all safety measures in place such as access to water, etc.
 - District Chief DeBruin indicated if the fire is a nuisance, such as too smoky, etc., they will ask them to put the fire out

- Response Time
 - Guest Stephen Johnson had a question about the districts response time
 - District Chief DeBruin asked Training Division Lieutenant Moe to print out a Response Time sheet for Guest Stephen Johnson to review
 - Discussion continued on the district response times

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM. The next meeting will be at Kendall Station on October 7, 2014

COMMISSIONER-CHAIR---Larry Moore

COMMISSIONER---RobRoy Graham

COMMISSIONER---Leonard Bjornstad

DISTRICT ADMIN---Jo Olson