



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 at Fire Station 81, 510 E Government Road, Mattawa, WA on August 9, 2016 and was called to order by Commission Chair Debra Crain at 1600 hours. The meeting was recorded.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Debra Crain.

Commissioners present: Debra Crain, Paul Parker, and Scott Nesbit. A quorum was established. Commissioner Russell Brixey called the District office to say he had car troubles and would not be at the meeting. A motion was made to excuse Commissioner Brixey. **Motion: Nesbit, Second: Parker. Motion approved unanimously.** At the time of the meeting, no one had heard from Commissioner Richard Kummer. Commissioner Crain said his absence would not be excused.

Others present: Fire Chief Dave Patterson and District Secretary Barbara Davis.

There were no members of the public in attendance to be recognized, welcomed, and invited to comment.

The agenda was reviewed. A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion: Nesbit, Second: Parker. 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. Davis stated that she did not correctly record Commissioner Kummer's June meetings in payroll and under paid him for two meeting. She stated she would correct it at the next payroll submission. There was discussion regarding the Station 81 bay door replacement. A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion: Nesbit, Second: Crain. Motion approved unanimously.** The documents were signed by the Board members.

Chief's Report: Chief Patterson reviewed his written report.

Call Volume - Chief reported call volume continues to increase. There were 12 fire calls and 36 EMS calls last month with a total of nearly 300 calls year to date.

1. Countywide Burn Ban - The county fire chiefs and fire commissioners are trying to get the county commissioners to enact a countywide burn ban for the remainder of July and August. Additionally, they are suggesting that a burn ban be imposed every year from a specific date to a specific date each year. For example: from June 1 to October 1. Ag burns would be authorized with DOE permits on DOE burn days as approved by the local fire chief. There was general discussion about burn bans.
2. H2A Housing on Pat Chee Drive near Road 24 SW - Chief handed out a packet of information on this development. He reported on the last Mattawa City Council meeting that he attended where he was told there would only be 80 beds in the development. The next day, he received an email with the architectural plans for Phase 1 with 144 beds not including the manager's quarters. There was considerable discussion on this development.
3. City of Mattawa Contract - Chief said he needs to review the contract with the City. Currently, about 42% of all calls originate within the city limits. The contract constitutes about 5% of our revenue. He said he has looked at other options of dealing with the city. These include annexing the city into the District and forming a fire authority. He felt neither option was truly viable in our situation. Commissioner Nesbit asked why annexation didn't happen years ago. Commissioner Parker replied that the old annexation laws stated that the city would own half of the District property. Current laws do not have this restriction. There was more discussion about the contract and annexation.

4. State Mobilization Fire on Saddle Mountain - Chief reported that this fire started in District 10 and came close to cresting Saddle Mountain into our District. There were heavy fuels of old growth sagebrush and winds that drove the fire. It went to a countywide mobilization first and then to state just after noon. There were two retardant planes, two water planes, helicopters, spotter planes, and three bulldozers on scene. There was a Level 3 evacuation in the Smyrna area that was later dropped to a Level 2. There was discussion about the fire.

Chief had nothing further to add and there were no questions.

Business Manager/District Secretary's Report: Secretary Davis reviewed her written report.

1. Financial reports were reviewed. There were no questions or comments.
2. Rug and Linen Service - Davis reported that US Linen & Uniform had a change in personnel and she still did not have a quote. Also called to discuss the termination of the contract and offered to meet the state contract. They were going to send a rep to the station to discuss it and give a quote.
3. Blood Drive - The last blood drive collected 15 units. The next drive is scheduled for Tuesday, 9/27/16, from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. She reported that our Red Cross coordinator moved on and we do not currently have another one.

Davis had nothing further to add and there were no questions.

Volunteer Association: No report.

Committee Reports: No report.

Unfinished Business: None


New Business: None

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Davis reminded the Board of the upcoming Strategic Plan and 2017 Budget Planning special meeting at 1600 on August 18, 2016.

The next Commissioner's meeting was set for Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 1600 hours at Station 81 in Mattawa, Washington. Proposed agenda items are 1) Consent Agenda 2) Chief's Report, 3) District Secretary's Report, 4) Volunteer Association Report, 5) Committee Reports, 6) Unfinished Business, 7) New Business, 8) Executive Session, and 9) Announcements & Upcoming Events.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1706 hours.



Chairman



District Secretary