



**WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO.14
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
July 9, 2013**

PRESENT: Commissioner Larry Moore, Commissioner RobRoy Graham and Commissioner Leonard Bjornstad. District Chief Jerry DeBruin, Training Division Lieutenant David Moe, Battalion Chiefs Frank Cain Jr., Battalion Chief Joe Hemmerich, and District Administrator Jo Olson

ABSENT: Battalion Chief Jay Van Middendorp

GUESTS:

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM at Kendall Fire Station.

Items signed by the Commissioners:

- Regular meeting minutes read and approved
- Invoice Vouchers
- Warrant Cancellation issued prior to July 1, 2012
- Warrants in the amount of \$20708.73
- Payroll in the amount of \$30289.09

June's Treasurer's Report:

• Starting Balance:	\$188,738.18
• Tax Receipts	\$3,866.95
• Misc. Receipts	\$14,200.00
• Transfers in	\$2,157.33
• Warrants	(\$37,361.46)
• Ending Cash Balance	\$171,601.00
• Investment Starting Balance	\$164,543.28
• Pool Investment Interest	\$41.28
• Total Cash & Investment Pool	\$336,185.56

Bank of the Pacific Statement:

Beginning Balance (6/01/2013)	\$214.03
Deposits/Misc Credits 15	\$15,940.83
Withdrawals/Misc Credits 4	\$14,100.00
Ending Balance (6/30/2013)	\$2,054.86

Correspondence:

- No correspondence

Old Business:

- Land Business Glacier Mountain Land Co and Mammoth Homes, Inc
 - Commissioner RobRoy Graham signed Concurrency Letter and made a motion to accept this letter and motion was seconded by commissioner Leonard Bjornstad
 - District Admin. Jo Olson will make copies and mail applicable documents and also bill to recoup the recording fee of \$82.00.
- New Washer and Dryer
 - District Chief Jerry DeBruin indicated the best price they could find was \$1500.00 for a new front washer and dryer
 - District Chief Jerry DeBruin has indicated that a better way to go may be to keep the set we have for everyday use and add a new front load wash machine just on the other side of the wall along with a drying rack
 - District Chief Jerry DeBruin will do more checking
- District Secretary (Secretary/Treasurer Position) added to American Express (read only access) and a copy of June Meeting Minutes will be sent to the County

New Business:

- Commissioner RobRoy Graham reporting on County Council Meeting with Executive Jack Louws presented his proposal
 - Proposal included cutting back units from 4.5 to 4
 - This was met with quite a bit of resistance, which several people spoke to
 - Numbers for justifying 4.5 to 4 came into question as well and debated
 - In the end the County has a reserve from the EMS levy and would consider tapping into to keep it to 4.5 units
 - District Chief Jerry DeBruin would like to have a meeting with Executive Jack Louws
- *Discussion continued on how to handle cutbacks within District 14 along with recruiting more volunteers and how to raise more money for the district and educate the public*
 - Commissioner RobRoy Graham concerned by local news story on Hoquiam, Washington - The City of Hoquiam is threatening to stop sending paramedics to all but the most serious emergencies in rural Grays Harbor County, and many say that decision could have dire consequences
 - How do we provide the best possible care within our community was discussed without raising money and if more money is needed how do we raise it
 - Commissioner Larry Moore discussed how we involve and educate the community on issues the department is dealing with
 - Commissioner Leonard Bjornstad suggested news letter mailings and public committees were suggested as ways to bring in the community
 - Commissioner Larry Moore discussed how we get more volunteers to respond to calls especially during the days, more money was suggested but per District Chief Jerry DeBruin, the real issue seems to be that people can't respond when they are at their day jobs during the day
 - Also discussed was a daily running list of who is available for calls on any given day
 - Also, getting more volunteers to volunteer for the fire department and District Jerry DeBruin discussed schedules for our volunteers and paying them more

- Commissioner RobRoy Graham discussed how much everything has gone up, the cost of operation, and being in business in general
- Commissioner RobRoy Graham discussed cost of replacement for Carbon Fiber Bottles as they are lighter and easier for firefighters to pack- given the average older age of the volunteer firefighters
- Commissioner Larry Moore asked all to think on it and we will discuss at next meeting

Grant for New Trail Planning Meeting:

- Discussed request for WCFD14 to take the lead on a grant for a new trail being made for school, library etc.
- Consensus is that WCFD14 is not set up to take the lead on research and write up a grant for this

Fire Station Reports:

- Station 1, Sumas Battalion Chief Jay Van Middendorp absent
 - Jerry indicates all is well at Sumas
- Station 2, Kendall Battalion Chief Frank Cain Jr.
 - All is going well here at Kendall
 - One new recruit (a student observer) that needs a pager
- Station 3, Welcome Battalion Chief Joe Hemmerich
 - Firefighter Al Koranda back on helping Jeff Larsen with training doing a great job, also Jim Henterly very helpful with this as well
 - Ask Kurt Schmidt to help out in the Lieutenant Position and as a Safety Officer, he's a real natural for this position
- Community CERT Classes to start up soon, being held at the Resource Center
 - Discussed WCFD14 helping out with the class

Training Division Lieutenant David Moe:

- Training Division Lieutenant David Moe proposed a new sign for Welcome as the old one is thin and wearing
- Training Division Lieutenant David Moe suggested new Bunker Gear Velcro name plates for fire stations at a cost of about \$225.00
 - Consensus is to think about it and revisit for next meeting

District Chief Jerry DeBruin:

- Replacing light bars on A-92-02 with light bars we purchased from the city of Sumas
- Need to replace light bars on A91-02 soon
- T-92 will need to go in for a pump test soon

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM the next meeting will be at Kendall Station on August 13, 2013

COMMISSIONER-CHAIR---Larry Moore

COMMISSIONER---RobRoy Graham

COMMISSIONER---Leonard Bjornstad

DISTRICT ADMIN---Jo Olson