



**WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO.14
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
July 8, 2014**

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

ABSENT: Battalion Chief Jay Van Middendorp and Battalion Chief Frank Cain Jr. Battalion Chief Christensen, Training Division Lieutenant Moe went on a call at 6:10 PM

GUESTS:

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM at Kendall Fire Station.

Items signed by the Commissioners:

- Regular meeting minutes read and approved
- Invoice Vouchers
- Warrants in the amount of \$31,643.43
- Payroll in the amount of \$14, 685.34

Correspondence:

No correspondence

June's Treasurer's Report:

714 Expense Fund

• Starting Balance	\$209,979.40
• Tax Receipts	\$3,721.12
• Misc. Receipts	\$11,948.48
• Warrants	\$46,264.67
• Ending Cash Balance	\$182,032.31
• Investment Starting Balance	\$165,262.35
• Pool Investment Interest	\$54.68
• Total Cash & Investment Pool	\$347,349.34

714 10 Go Bond

• Warrants	\$651.86
• Debt Issued	\$122,381.57
• Debt Paid	\$651.86
• Debt Outstanding	\$121,729.71

71420 Reserve Fund

• Prior Balance	\$45,052.32
• Purchases & Pool Earnings	\$14.91
• Ending Balance	\$45,067.23

Bank of the Pacific Statement:

No statement at time of meeting

Old Business:

- Demo Saw (Demolition Saw)
 - District Chief DeBruin indicated that Hardware Sales will have some rentals available for purchase in a few months
 - Discussion continued on buying new versus buying used
 - Commissioner Moore indicated we will revisit this in a few months when saws become available for purchase

- E91-02
 - District Chief DeBruin indicated all is great with E91-02, just a few miscellaneous fixes and it should be good to go
 - District Chief DeBruin indicated a leak (tank fill line) which they will keep an eye on

- Land Loan for Property
 - Discussion about replacement of heating system for house on property was discussed as well as steps for going forward with the purchase
 - District Chief DeBruin will check into insurance cost

- Replacement of Vehicle for Training Division Lieutenant Moe
 - Training Division Lieutenant Moe indicated he is working on getting pricing together and will have it at a later meeting

New Business:

- Replacement Vehicles
 - Commissioner Moore spoke about replacement vehicles for the district, especially for replacement on A-92
 - District Chief DeBruin had some pricing information on replacement vehicles
 - Training Division Lieutenant Moe brought up the website and showed some possible replacement vehicles

- Highway Speed
 - Commissioner Bjornstad indicated the speed limit has changed on part of SR 547 (Kendall RD) from Wheeler Rd to Limestone Rd to 45 MPH

- Water Feasibility Study
 - Commissioner Bjornstad attended a meeting where a discussion on the feasibility study was discussed
 - Discussion continued on the study

District Chief Jerry DeBruin

- Army Truck
 - District Chief DeBruin indicated the army truck the district purchased will soon be painted
- E91-02
 - District Chief DeBruin pointed out E91-02 will be needing some hose replacement
- Paramedic Program Meeting in Bellingham
 - District Chief DeBruin says he'd like to remain a part of these meetings, as he believes it is best for our district to stay informed on this program
 - Home visits for some of the districts patients was discussed and how this service could cut down on both district cost and healthcare cost in general
- Grant
 - District Chief DeBruin says he looking at applying for a Safe Kids grant
- Road Safety
 - District Chief DeBruin says they will work with the schools and the community on road safety

Training Division Lieutenant David Moe:

- MCI (Mass Casualty Incident) Drill
 - Training Division Lieutenant Moe indicated the MCI Drill went well
- Glen Day and Sumas Day
 - Training Division Lieutenant Moe indicated the district had a presence there, and it went very well

Miscellaneous:

- Budget
 - Commissioner Moore asked about the District Budget
 - District Chief DeBruin spoke to the budget and conversation continued on the budget

Fire Station Reports:

- Station 1, Sumas Battalion Chief Jay Van Middendorp
 - In Battalion Chief Van Middendorp absence Training Division Lieutenant Moe indicated all is going well at Sumas
- Station 2, Kendall Battalion Chief Frank Cain Jr.
 - No report
- Station 3, Welcome Battalion Chief Denise Christensen
 - Battalion Chief Christensen indicated all is going well at Welcome
 - Battalion Chief Christensen indicated they have a new student observer and also training is going much better
 - Battalion Chief Christensen indicated the attendance for Sunday Standbys could be better

Follow up on last month's meetings Good of the Order:

- *Commissioner Graham presented a challenge last meeting to be discussed this meeting. Challenge was for each commissioner to come up with the two most pressing challenges facing the district right now and where do you see the district in five years?*
- Commissioner RobRoy Graham
 - Commissioner Graham says for him, maintaining the level of service we currently provide and taking care of our responders and providing for them
 - Five year plan would be being able to have paid responders for the district
- Commissioner Larry Moore
 - Commissioner Moore says he places a priority on outreach and education to the public, keeping them informed on what the district does and the needs of the district
 - Commissioner Moore agrees with Commissioner Graham that we have paid responders in the district within five years if not sooner
- Commissioner Leonard Bjornstad
 - Commissioner Bjornstad says keeping the volunteers happy and public awareness of our district needs and services
 - Commissioner Bjornstad says his five year projection is to try and keep the service as it right now with the system we have right now

- District Chief Jerry DeBruin
 - District Chief DeBruin added his thoughts; he would like us to be able to keep a guaranteed response but with the challenges of having volunteers he sees a need for paid shifts being offered in the future
 - District Chief DeBruin is proud of the service they offer right now but because of the challenges he really thinks the future of the district might be paid responders to assure guaranteed response to the community, especially as it continues to grow
 - District Chief DeBruin also says training our responders is a number one priority and how we go about getting them into training classes, especially in their first year
 - Discussion continued on how best to resolve coverage issues based on needs of the district

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM. The next meeting will be at Kendall Station on August 12, 2014

COMMISSIONER-CHAIR---Larry Moore

COMMISSIONER---RobRoy Graham

COMMISSIONER---Leonard Bjornstad

DISTRICT ADMIN---Jo Olson