



## 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 at Fire Station 81, 510 E Government Road, Mattawa, WA on December 13, 2016 and was called to order by Commission Chair Debra Crain at 1600 hours. The meeting was recorded.

The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

Commissioners present: Debra Crain, Russell Brixey, Paul Parker, Scott Nesbit, and Richard Kummer. A quorum was established.

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

Members of the public were recognized, welcomed, and invited to comment. No comments at this time.

The agenda was reviewed. A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented with the exception of tabling discussion on the Disciplinary Policy until January. **Motion: Kummer, Second: Brixey. 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 about the repair to the HeartStart monitor. Davis explained that it barely passed testing and calibration earlier in the year and some of its functions stopped working so it was sent in for replacement of a circuit board. A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion: Brixey, Second: Kummer. 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 1 fire calls and 23 EMS calls last month with a total of nearly 450 calls year to date.

1. Property Search - Chief reported that he is still working on the Boundary and Road 24 SW location with the School District but strongly recommended that the Board consider the Port of Mattawa property off SR 243 and Rd 23 SW. There was considerable discussion on the various properties previously discussed along with the two Port properties under consideration. The Board encouraged Chief to aggressively pursue deciding on a location in the next month or so.
  2. AWB Donation to Volunteer Association - Chief stated that Volunteer Association was given a donation of \$1,000 and toys to provide needy families in our area with Christmas. Four families will be chosen.
  3. Reader Board - Chief stated that the senior center donated their old reader board to the District. It is being reconditioned for use at Station 82 and he will be getting one for Station 81 as well.
  4. Clearing at Station 82 - The local rental agency is donating the time and equipment to clear and prepare the ground at Station 82 for the half-track display.
  5. EMT Test - Robert Roth took the National Registry test, but timed out due to his dyslexia. He is taking steps to retest.
  6. Volunteer Drive - Banners were made and plans are progressing.
- Chief had nothing further to add. There were no further questions.

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

1. Financial reports were reviewed. There were other no questions or comments.
  2. Blood Drive - The drive scheduled for Tuesday, 11/29/16, was cancelled due to Red Cross lack of volunteers. The next drive is scheduled for Friday, 1/20/17, from noon to 5:00 pm.
- Davis had nothing further to add and there were no questions.

**Volunteer Association:** No report.

**Committee Reports:** No report.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. City of Mattawa Contract - Chief reported that the City has not come back with any other ideas besides annexation. They are maintaining that they cannot the new rates. Chief said it is a fair rate schedule given how much the residents of Mattawa use our services. He stated that the District residents outside of Mattawa are supporting the service provided to Mattawa. There was more discussion on the rates and call volume. The Board agreed that the rate schedule is fair and Chief agreed to follow up with the City.

**New Business:**

There was no New Business.

**Additional Business:**

There was no Additional Business.

Commissioner Crain asked the Board if they had issues for Executive Session. There were no issues.

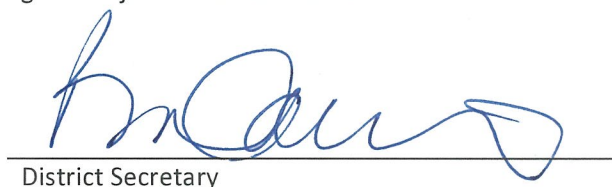
**Announcements & Upcoming Events**

- Next meeting 1/10/17 at 1600. Commissioner Crain reminded Davis that election of new officers needs to be on the agenda.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1641 hours.



Chairman



District Secretary