



**WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 14  
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
March 18, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Commissioner RobRoy Graham, Commissioner Larry Moore and Commissioner Leonard Bjornstad, District Chief Jerry DeBruin, Battalion Chief Frank Cain Jr, Battalion Chief Jay VanMiddendorp, and Battalion Chief Joe Hemmerich, -Secretary Lauren Merrett  
**Absent:** Training Officer David Moe

**GUESTS:** Jack Hoviner, Kevin Zender, and Dan Williamson

○ Items signed by the Commissioners:

- Regular meeting minutes approved and read
- Special meeting minutes approved and read
- Warrants in the amount of \$ 25,403.64
- Rush Warrants in the amount of \$ 2,382.36
- Payroll in the amount of \$ 12,248.34
- BLS Payroll for January in the amount of \$ 1871.25
- Written resolution to change the Regular Commissioner Mtgs from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month effective the next meeting moved to April 9, 2013.
- Forms to cancel the warrant issued to Art Patterson in the amount of \$47.50 incorrect vendor.

○ February Treasurer's Report: Not available at this time

- Old Business:
  - Commissioner RobRoy Graham made the motion the Fire District #14 would accept the latest mitigation agreement dated March 15 between WCFD14 and Red Mtn Reserve to be signed, notarized, and sent to the county. Commissioner Leonard Bjornstad seconded the motion
  - Commissioner Leonard Bjornstad made a motion for Commissioner RobRoy Graham to oversee and sign Red Mtn Reserve mitigation agreement. Commissioner Larry Moore second the motion.
  - District Chief Jerry DeBruin reported that Motor Trucks is still waiting for parts to start working on E 91-02. They have E91-02 torn down and want to bill as they progress with the repair. We would like to pay for the parts invoices as they come in with copies we can compare with the parts list we have been provided to make sure there is no duplication or surprises, with the labor to be billed upon completion. Chief DeBruin will look into this option with Motor Trucks.
  - Interfaith is looking into the having a facility at the Resource Center. They will be having another meeting in May possibly.
  - Chief Jerry DeBruin stated that there is a possible federal grant in place for the traffic concerns in the area, roundabout, lower speeds etc. Another community meeting at the school set for March 27<sup>th</sup> in the evening. Not sure if there is a DOT meeting set at this time.
  - IKO expansion almost complete.
  
- New Business:
  - Possible new volunteer (Laura) for Welcome station stopped by for an application and stayed for the CPR training that was going on that evening.
  - Dan Culver has inquired about his retirement. Need to get this started.
  - Motion to have Lauren as signer for county made by Larry Moore.
  - Chief Jerry DeBruin stated concern for our bills getting paid late, we need to change something to make sure our bills are paid in a timely manner. Commissioner Larry Moore found that we could change the regular monthly commissioner meeting with a written resolution.
  
- Fire Station Reports:
  - Station 1--Sumas---Battalion Chief Jay VanMiddendorp.
    - Lighting will start tomorrow March 19,2013 and project should be done next month.
  - Station 2--Kendall--- Battalion Chief Frank Cain Jr.
    - A92 windshield broken. To be fixed Wednesday. \$100.00 deductible.
    - Quote on front area concrete replacement from Williamson Const. with District purchasing supplies and helping with labor.
  - Station 3--Welcome--- Battalion Chief Joe Hemmerich.

- Water heater has been turned off for approx. a month now, with no problems with laundry etc, Joe is looking into a hot water on demand system possibly for the station.
- Valley Electric coming out to look at the changing of lights and fixture for energy saving similar to what they did at Sumas station.
  
- District Chief Jerry DeBruin reported:
  - Denied FEMA grant for new air packs.
  - New contract effective April 1 with BF does not cover money still owed.
  - Fire Safety Fair at Paradise Lake CC June 1,2013.
  - No bids on 1977 Tender, want to keep it out to bid for couple more months.

**FIRE/EMS CALLS TO DATE:**

March as of 3/24/13 calls 2013---179  
 March month end calls 2012---170  
 March month end calls 2011---149

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM the next meeting will be at Kendall's Station.

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COMMISSIONER-CHAIR---Larry Moore

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COMMISSIONER---RobRoy Graham

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COMMISSIONER--- Leonard Bjornstad

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Temp Admin Assist---Lauren Merrett