



**WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO.14
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
September 10, 2013**

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

ABSENT:

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
- Cancel warrant number 922592 to Comcast as check appears to have been lost in the mail
- Warrants in the amount of \$51,670.98
- Payroll in the amount of \$15,069.09

August Treasurer's Report:

- Starting Balance: \$215,060.77
- Tax Receipts \$4,091.72
- Misc. Receipts \$10,350.00
- Warrants (\$25,921.59)
- Ending Cash Balance \$203,580.90
- Investment Starting Balance \$164,636.83

- Pool Investment Interest \$63.09
- Total Cash & Investment Pool \$368,280.82

Bank of the Pacific Statement:

Beginning Balance (8/01/2013)	\$1,829.57
Deposits/Misc Credits 15	\$7,623.54
Withdrawals/Misc Credits 4	\$9,350.00
Ending Balance (8/31/2013)	\$103.11

Correspondence:

- Correspondence reviewed by commissioners

Old Business:

- Capital Facility Plan
 - Commissioner Graham discussed his findings on the Capital Facility Plan pertaining to the County and with the City of Sumas for payments to the district for services. The findings dealing with development of over five homes or commercial development and paying a mitigation fee and giving a letter of concurrency (RCW 20.80.212) were also discussed.

Trash Pump Bids

- District Chief DeBruin indicates that last year we put a bid up for a Trash Pump but we did not receive any bids. It was on consignment up at Washington Tractor where it has now sold for \$1000.00 to Herron Valley, Inc

Donations:

- District Chief DeBruin says the district received a donation of \$1000.00 from Nielson Brothers for our efforts in putting out a fire at their location and saving valuable equipment
 - District Chief DeBruin suggested we use some of the money to purchase some hats for the volunteers.
 - Commissioner Bjornstad thought this was a great idea.
 - District Chief DeBruin will do some pricing of hats

New Business:

- Water meeting
 - Commissioner Bjornstad indicated he went to Water Meeting last month and they have a budget for some extra lighting and would like District Chief DeBruin and Battalion Chief Frank Cain Jr. to let them know of any dark spots that could use more lighting in the area

- Missing signs
 - Battalion Chief Frank Cain Jr. wanted to know who is in charge of street signs, as many need replacing because they are missing and also pruning of bushes.
 - The county should be responsible, indicated Commissioner Bjornstad, unless it's private
- E91-02 work
 - Commissioner Larry Moore asks if there was anything new with the work being done on E91-02.
 - District Chief DeBruin indicated no, as they are still waiting for parts
- Pump Testing
 - Training Division Lieutenant Moe indicated that pump testing has been done on E91 and T92
 - District Chief DeBruin noted that E92 and then E93 will get pump tested on the next two Mondays

Fire Station Reports:

- Station 1, Sumas Battalion Chief Jay Van Middendorp
 - Sumas Battalion Chief Van Middendorp indicates all is well at Sumas
- Station 2, Kendall Battalion Chief Frank Cain Jr.
 - Battalion Chief Cain Jr. indicates that all is going well here at Kendall but they had one volunteer quit
 - Battalion Chief Cain Jr. indicates that the annual Black Mountain Ranch Parade went well
- Station 3, Welcome Battalion Chief Joe Hemmerich
 - Battalion Chief Hemmerich says they lost a volunteer as well but have a new student volunteer that looks promising
 - Battalion Chief Hemmerich made a call to schedule vehicle maintenance to be done on the trucks

Training Division Lieutenant David Moe:

- Carbon Fiber Air Bottles
 - Division Lieutenant Moe indicated District Chief DeBruin had him check into the lighter carbon fiber air bottles and the options available to us
 - Division Lieutenant Moe indicates the weight difference is about 10 pounds less than the current set up
 - Division Lieutenant Moe indicated there are different options we could go with but many are expensive and the \$550.00 per bottle option makes the most financial sense for us at this time
 - Commissioner Bjornstad made a motion to purchase 20 bottles and it was seconded by Commissioner Moore
 - Commissioner Bjornstad and Commissioner Moore indicated for Division Lieutenant Moe and District Chief DeBruin to try and trade our old bottles in to offset the cost

District Chief Jerry DeBruin:

District Chief DeBruin indicates not much else to add here other than there's been some Trail Meetings, Clean air Meetings and some odds and ends but most are still in process so nothing much to report as yet
Battalion Chief Hemmerich ask about the CERT classes
District Chief DeBruin says there just wasn't enough interest in CERT classes

Misc:

- New Truck
 - A question was asked how Station 3 likes the new truck
 - Commissioner Graham says it great and everyone loves it
- Interfaith Meeting
 - Commissioner Bjornstad indicated there is an Interfaith Community Health Clinic meeting being held on the 17th of September at five o'clock at the Resource Center
- Kendall Watch 10th Anniversary
 - Division Lieutenant Moe attended the 10th anniversary of the Kendall Watch
- BLS Transport

- District Chief DeBruin indicated we did the same amount of BLS transport as last month, a total of 35

Training Next Monday September 16, 2013

- District Chief DeBruin indicated there is a district wide BLS Response Training for report writing and review at Kendall next Monday

Good of the Order:

- Battalion Chief Frank Cain Jr. indicates he believes his brother was the only firefighter in the State of Washington nominated to go to Washington DC to represent the DC Firefighter Burn Foundation

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM. The next meeting will be at Kendall Station on October 8, 2013

COMMISSIONER-CHAIR---Larry Moore

COMMISSIONER---RobRoy Graham

COMMISSIONER---Leonard Bjornstad

DISTRICT ADMIN---Jo Olson