

**Chelan County Fire District No. 5**  
**250 West Manson Blvd.**  
**Manson, WA 98831**  
**October 10, 2017**  
**Regular Meeting of Commissioners**

**Commissioners Present:** John Spencer, Dan Baker and Brian Harris

**Others Present:** Chief Arnold Baker, Patty McClellan

**Call to Order:** Commissioner John Spencer called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and the Flag salute commenced.

**Pension Board:** Opened at 4:30. Tom Fix is officially a volunteer for the Department now. With nothing more to report, the Pension Board adjourned. Regular meeting resumed at 4:31.

**Public Comment:** None

**Correspondence** – A thank you card was received from Todd Meyer thanking Chief Baker for his cooperation with the Uno Peak Fire. Al Lawson, the Incident Commander on the Uno Peak fire also sent a thank you letter to Chief Baker thanking him for his assistance with the Uno Peak Fire

A letter was written to Brian Andriesen of Sysco Foods thanking him for his donation of hamburgers, hot dogs, buns and condiments that were donated for our Open House.

**Minutes:** September 12th Meeting Minutes were presented and reviewed. There is a typo on page 3 that needs correcting. Commissioner Harris motioned to approve the minutes as corrected; Commissioner Baker seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Report:** There were no questions about the September Financial Report.

**Approval of Invoices:** Commissioner Baker motioned to approve and pay the October Vouchers FD51 in the amount of \$2,412.24 and FD52 in the amount of \$ 3,320.28. Commissioner Spencer seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

**Chiefs Report:**

**Incidents**

38 Calls for service in September; 32 within District 5, and 6 out of District. Fire responded to 6 fire related calls; an alarm system malfunction at the High School, 1 smoke from a BBQ that was thought to be an illegal burn, 3 unauthorized burning, 1 call with nothing found on arrival, and 4 calls with fire responding on EMS calls prior to EMS arrival.

EMS responded to 19 calls in District without fire manpower, 3 calls with fire responding in addition to the 4 calls listed in the prior paragraph. Out of District for 6 calls; 3 medical, 2 cancelled enroute and 1 interfacility transfer.

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Fire Call Processing was at 2:06, Arrival on scene at 11:09.

EMS Call Processing was at 2:08, Arrival on scene at 11:09.

Of the 32 calls in District 5, 24 calls were compliant to NFPA 1221, for call processing.

**Personnel and Training**

Training in September completed the initial training for the Scott SCBAs. They were placed in service on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Because of the higher level of testing with the emergency procedures than we have performed with the previous SCBA, I believe that the firefighters that have greater confidence in their equipment.

Also training included medical OTEP, 24/7 Online for positive pressure ventilation and a simulated fire incident. We use an old orchard cabin and filled it with simulated smoke from a smoke machine. The first team was to attack with the focus of getting direct to the fire with the nozzle. The backup team had to get the vent fan and RIT bag (Rapid Intervention Team) and be ready to rescue the attack team. After attack team met their objective, we simulated one of them as “man down” for the RIT team to go in and rescue. Skills practiced that night; driving, SCBA donning, hose extension to the structure, attack team prep at the door, attacking a fire (simulated), ventilation, calling a mayday for down firefighter, RIT team rescue. It was very valuable to pull multiple skill sets into a single evolution. Reload the hose, trade positions on teams and rerun the evolution.

**Recruitment & Retention**

Tom Fix has completed his packet of information. He is now in our system.

Jordan Andrews has turned in gear because of taking a job in Alaska. He should get into a 3 months on, 3 months off season with this job and be able to volunteer here in the off season.

**Facilities and Equipment**

E-52 CAFS issues, no additional info from E-One. I have sent them more information to assist them and they haven't replied.

Dan and I have heard back from the County about storm water for the generator addition; we do not have to add storm water collection or storage areas. With that issue aside, we have been in contact with excavation companies interested in the ecology block project. One bid in

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currently, expecting more soon. The contractors are given onsite instructions and prevailing wage intent & affidavit filing & payroll reports requirement.

Air compressor is working fine. It's a simple system to operate. The damage to the cascade/ fill station during shipment has not been repaired yet. Spoke with the installer and he is waiting to get a shipping confirmation on the parts. Also waiting for a seal for the 3<sup>rd</sup> air cylinder to get it in service.

As of today the 2016 equipment grants are winding down. I heard many received turn down letters as of October 6<sup>th</sup>. We have not received a turndown.

**RiverCom**

The Blag Mountain upgrade is on hold till spring. Still have not received the approval from the Forest Service.

**Prevention**

Burning opened on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Discussion with other chiefs and Fire Marshal Plumb, we have some off season work to do on many of our County Codes. Prioritizing to get everyone on the same schedule will be more effective.

About half as many Fire Fighters have Red Cards this year as last year. Chief Baker is continually pushing people to get it. The Commissioners agreed that the Red Card should be rewarded with a points incentive to achieve the red card.

Less than 5 Fire fighters have their Fire Fighter 1

There was a brief discussion of "The Farm" Project to be located on Manson Blvd and Lakeshore Dr. The official application is in motion

**Assistant Chief's Report:** None

**EMS Report:** none

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**Old Business:**

**Company Calendar:**

Patty will be gone on vacation from October 26<sup>th</sup> through November 5.

Chief Baker will be attending the Fire Prevention Conference held at Campbell's Resort on October 26 – 28<sup>th</sup>.

Hospital board meeting will be on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Baker will be on vacation to Florida, from November 15 through November 28th

**Station 52 Generator:** Neither Chief Baker or Dan Have spoken to Travis again for an engineer drawing to take to bid.

The District is currently getting quotes from 5 contractors for ecology block wall placement at Station 52.

Dan reported that due to the slope behind the station, we would need to have the wall engineered, and there will be a sur charge.

This Generator in place will also turn station 52 into an emergency shelter for Manson residents should an emergency arise, leaving the community without power.

Call PUD to research a surplus generator possibility. Chief will contact Ann of PUD.

**Electronic Sign Update:**

3 local (Washington) quotes from sign companies were reviewed and discussed. Patty will continue to research for something less expensive.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The replacement truck that Chief Baker is working on will be one that's configured to fit the need gap. This truck would stay in District. Short cab is what the Fire Fighters want. 145" wheel base truck with a turret on front, operational scenario is driving the design. Low profile, 8' wide, 2 wd, will have CAFS. All officers agree there is a need for this vehicle. First part of next year will see 30 yr service life; chief working with International on a wheel base.

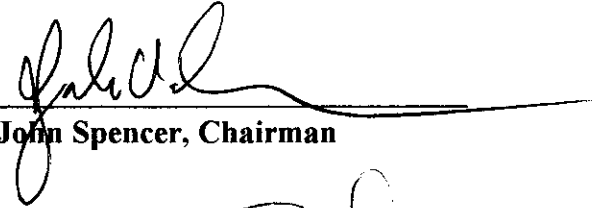
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**Executive Session:** was postponed to a special meeting to give more time for commissioners to review employee evaluations. Nov 2 is scheduled for Special meeting at 4:30 for executive session only.

**Public Comment:** none


**Adjournment:** Having no additional business before the board the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

**Chelan County Fire District 5 Board of Commissioners:**



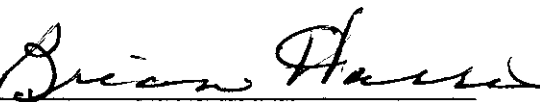
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**John Spencer, Chairman**



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**Dan Baker, Commissioner**



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**Brian Harris, Commissioner**



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**Attest Patty McClellan  
District Secretary**