

Chelan County Fire District No. 5
250 West Manson Blvd.
Manson, WA 98831
May 14, 2019
Regular Meeting of Commissioners

Commissioners Present: Brian Harris, John Spencer and Dan Baker

Others Present: Chief Arnold Baker, District Secretary Patty McClellan, Assistant Chief Kermit McClellan, Karen Sargeant, Nick Glenn, Dana Starkweather, Beau Alanis and Russ Jones of Chelan Fire & Rescue

Call to Order: Commissioner Harris called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The Flag salute commenced.

Pension Board: Pension Board opened at 4:30; One volunteer packet was given to an interested party a few weeks ago, but we haven't heard back from him. An accident reported to BVFF for Adam Rasmussen for a needle stick. He's being tested for exposure, etc. The Pension Board adjourned and the Regular Meeting reconvened at 4:31.

Public Comment: Russ Jones announced that Chief Tim Lemon will be retiring at the end of the year. Deputy Chief Mark Donnell will be his replacement. Deputy Chief will no longer be a position. Their District will need to pass a levy by 2021 or start laying people off. They will begin working on their levy immediately for a .21cent increase. Brandon Asher is part of their succession plan as well. Brandon has 2 years left on his grant and Russ suggested that District 5 join Districts 7 and 8 (Entiat) and Douglas County District 4 (Orondo) in that grant application with them in a couple years to keep him on. Their new boat goes to Sea Trials this Saturday. Their Association put up the money for 2 motors for the boat. The tentative moorage plan for the Fire Boat is to moor it at Sunset Marina. But if that doesn't work out they'll moor it with the City Marina in Chelan.

Karen & Nick were recognized for their completion and certifications of Fire Instructor I. Beau was awarded the Commissioners' Award, as he was not present at the Banquet to receive it then. Chief presented him with his Chief's Coin award as well. Congratualtions to all three.

Minutes: The Meeting Minutes for the Regular meeting on April 9th was presented and reviewed. Commissioner Spencer motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Baker seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

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Financial Report: Chief Bkaer recently reviewed his planning document and says that the District is on track financially. \$100,000 was just transferred into Savings.

Approval of Invoices: Some of the invoices needed explanation. The Starter on B-51 had a plastic part that split. DNR phase 1 grant was used to purchase Wildland gear, allowing us to purchase everything at 50% off, getting the DNR prices. National Hose Testing is an annual contract. This is far more efficient and economical than doing it all ourselves. The correction was made that the front tires were installed on E-52, not T-52. Commissioner Baker motioned to approve Voucher FD51 in the amount of \$15,583.03 and FD52 in the amount of \$2,348.27. Commissioner Spencer seconds; passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Company Calendar: Large Fire Incident Commander Training is available on June 5th. Chief will be attending. Fire Commissioner Seminars at Campbell's in Chelan on June 1. Commissioners have not received the information on this? Patty will be certain to send it to them.

Opening of Surplus Chassis Bids

Three bids were received for the surplus chassis from E-54:

Roger Odorizzi bid \$5,711.00

MLL Farms inc. bid \$7,502.00

Perri Construction bid \$5,500.00

Commissioner Harris motioned to award the bid to MLL Farms for the amount of \$7,502.00.

Commissioner Spencer second. Motion passed unanimously.

Esign –nothing new to report

ZBA Architects Contract

The contract with ZBA Architects has been signed by both parties, but we haven't heard anything more. Chief Baker will get this moving.

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New Business:

External Fill Line on Breating Air Compressor

A proposal from MES for an external line breathing air compressor was reviewed and discussed. Chief Baker has spoken to Chelan Fire and Rescue and Douglas County Fire District 4. These District have recently purchased the Scott SCBA like ours, but cannot purchase the necessary air compressors to fill them yet. This equipment purchase would not be for District 5's needs, but to assist in Mutual aid with neighboring Fire Districts and possibly the Sherriff as well. The new system would consist of a 25' hose that'll reach outside and fill a wider range of pressures than the current "contained" system can fill. Commssioner Spencer questioned whether the price includes installation? Chief contacted MES during the meeting and it was agreed that if we build a mounting plate, MES will install it for free.

It was agreed that if we purchase this we would send letters to other Districts informing them of it's availability. Chief Baker will Find out from more Districts to confirm the need. The bid expires in 30 days from 5/5.

Commissioner Workshop Date: It was decided that Tuesday, June 18th at 3:30 would work for the Commissioners' Workshop, located at Station 51. Pizza will be ordered.

Surplus Electric Wind Machine Jeannie Craft may be interested in the electric wind machine located on the property at Station 52. We will still need to advertise the surplus to meet legal requirements.

Commissioner Baker motioned to declare The Electric Wind Machine as surplus. Commissioner Spencer seconded the motion; passed unanimously.

Chiefs Report: Arson was never confirmed on the Wapato Lake cattail reed fire. The Officer never came back with information about the video footage. E-53 will need to retire soon. The plan is to replace it with a used aerial stream truck. E-53 was purchased in 1971. The purchase of an Aerial Stream truck would fill that need in the District and would be a short term purchase. This will be discussed further at the Commissioner Workshop.

Chief Baker has not been able to re-connect with Aaron Krause regarding clearing the land at Stn-52. Chief Baker will contact Jay Bachelor and see if he is interested in the job.

Incidents

30 Calls for service in the month of April; 24 within Fire District 5 and 6 out of the District. Fire responded to 12 calls within District 5.

In District 5; 2 Grass fires, 1 chimney fire at Wapato Point, 1 pulled fire alarm at the Elementary School, 2 calls to rekindled orchard burns, 1 rekindled trash fire (Dept of Ecology informed), 1 MVA with injuries, 4 calls to Assist EMS crew.

Out of District 5, 1 wildland fire in District 7.

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EMS responded to 16 medical calls in District 5. 12 Calls EMS handled without Fire, 4 with assistance of Fire.

Out of District; 3 Medical calls, and 2 Dispatch & cancelled enroute.

April Call Times;

Fire Call Processing was at 2:33, Arrival on scene at 12:08.

EMS Call Processing was at 1:06, Arrival on scene at 8:30.

Of the 24 dispatches in District 5, 19 calls were compliant to NFPA 1221, for call processing for 79.2%.

Of the 24 responses in District 5, 20 calls were compliant to Fire District 5 benchmark of 12:00 minutes for 83.3%

Personnel and Training

April training consisted of Wildland Refreshers #1 (classroom and fire shelter) and #2 (field practical with tools, chainsaw, protection of trees & poles within the fireline and live firing with drip torches), Medical OTEP (Scene Safety, Scene Sizeup, Patient Assessment module), 24/7 Online (Driver Operations & Exterior Class A Fires modules)

Recruitment & Retention

1 recruit packet requested in April. The packet has not been returned yet.

Facilities and Equipment

Everything seems to be working well with the Scott air compressor. Technicians did come in and replace a battery in the battery backup. This device keeps the electrical contacter set so when a power glitch happens, not having to open the cabinet and reset the contacter. (As what happens each week then the generator does a test)

E-52 front tires replaced. We realized that E-52 is 10 years old, so are the tires. Rear tires are on order and will be replaced next month.

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E-54 has had some workout with a couple of fires this month. No regrets with wishing had done things differently. I think the crews are appreciating the way it is setup.

Hose and Ladder testing was done in April. (1) 50' section of 4" hose failed, this hose was 1997 vintage. We have failed out most of the hose in that 1997 purchase. We had (1) 50' section of 2 ½" hose that had visual damage and was removed out of service before testing. All other hose looked very good. I will bring the hose inventory sheet to the Commissioner Workshop to see where we stand in replacement. The ladders tested well except for the 35' extension ladder on E-53. The truck and the ladder were built in 1971. The 35' ladder has 3 sections. In the standard that ladder was made under it wasn't required that the top section would have locks to prevent it from detaching. The only way it can be detached is lying flat on the ground and intentionally pulling it out. None the less, this ladder doesn't meet the requirement of the test to not detach, and failed the test.

In the Commissioner Workshop we need to discuss and plan what to do about E-53, the pump is not meeting the 50% of the 250-psi portion of the test. Now with another issue like the largest ladder we have in the District failing, it is time to make a plan. We have an opportunity to use the bay space E-53 has taken to look at filling the need for an aerial water stream. Looking at used apparatus from other departments, we can make this upgrade rather economically.

Still trying to get Aaron Krause to do the tilling of the 3 acres at S-52. This is holding up getting irrigation and seeding projects.

RiverCom

The Facilities Study Final Report will be delivered this week. It is going to be expensive to do any of the options. The Forest Service and DNR at CWICC dispatch are in the same mode of looking for options now too. Discussions will happen soon to see what can be done collectively.

I am on a committee that has built concise messaging for RiverCom's attempt to renew the 1/10th% sales tax. This issue will be on the ballot in August.

Prevention

I taught the first pilot class of Community Risk Reduction to Volunteers in Wenatchee on April 13th. The class went well and things were learned that will have refine the course to a final version later this year.

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Assistant Chief's Report: Kermit reported on another successful banquet, and with that project behind him it's now time to get back into driving. Kermit did not pass this year's work test, and expressed concern as to what that does to his position as Assistant Fire Chief. Kermit plans on taking the Moderate Duty Test on May 28th, which consists of walking two miles at the pace of 4 mph with a 25 lb pack. The Policy does not state that passing the pack test is required for the position of Assistant Chief. Kermit would like to serve the District for another five years. This will be discussed further at the Commissioners' Workshop in June.

EMS Report - none

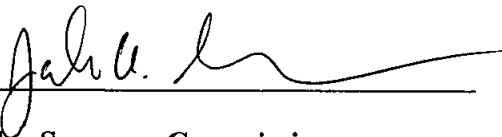
Public Comment: none

Adjournment: Having no additional business before the Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 5:25

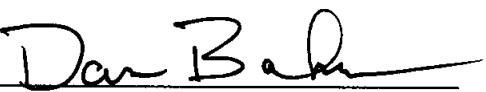
Chelan County Fire District 5 Board of Commissioners:



Brian Harris, Commissioner Chairman



John Spencer, Commissioner



Dan Baker, Commissioner



**Attest: Patty McClellan
District Secretary**