

Chelan County Fire District No. 5
250 West Manson Blvd.
Manson, WA 98831
September 12, 2017
Regular Meeting of Commissioners

Commissioners Present: John Spencer, Dan Baker and Brian Harris

Others Present: Chief Arnold Baker, Patty McClellan, Ray Eckmeier, and Chris Willoughby

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. With nothing to report, the Pension Board adjourned. Regular meeting resumed at 4:31.

Public Comment

Parker Sutton of Daktronics came to give information on electronic signs. Everything in Daktronics is made here in the USA.

ECCB Line is the type of lettering he recommends, as opposed to full color, smaller pixels. This would save a large amount of money and is all the District needs for what we want to do. We could do either red or amber text. The process is to mount an Ethernet bridge radio to connect into the Cairdeas Winery Wi-Fi, and then we could operate it from anywhere.

The time frame for manufacture & delivery is approximately 4-6 weeks. Daktronics does not sell their electronic signs directly to consumers. He will email some suggested sign vendors that he likes working with so that we can get comparable bids from them for the complete project and go from there.

Minutes: August 8th Meeting Minutes were presented and reviewed. Commissioner Harris motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Commissioner Baker seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report: There were no questions about the August Financial Report. Finances were discussed as far as the year to date picture. The District is right where we need to be financially for this time of year. A check from the Colville Tribes for the 2017/2018 services was received today and will show in next month's revenues as well as second half property tax revenues.

Approval of Invoices: Commissioner Baker motioned to approve and pay the September Vouchers FD51 in the amount of \$5,083.87 and FD52 in the amount of \$ 3,092.55. Commissioner Harris seconded; Motion passed unanimously. Mobile Fleet service was discussed. Mobile Fleet installed the wrong filter and held up E54 during fire season without informing anyone. The invoice from Mobile Fleet for the "service" on E54 has not been paid yet and will not be until Chief comes to some understanding with them about their lack of service and errors made. Tom Fix has volunteered his time as a retired Metro mechanic with 40 years' experience. Chief suggests put Tom as a volunteer FF to drive Tender only, and also the District mechanic.

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Chiefs Report:

Incidents

40 Calls for service in August; 33 within District 5 and 7 out of District. Fire responded to 8 fire related call; 1 structure fire on Green Ave, 1 waste fuel fire, a juvenal locked into a room and unable to get out, 2 refrigeration leaks, a motor vehicle accident with no injuries, a call with dust thought to be smoke and a residential fire alarm system malfunction. Out of District 5 was a motor vehicle verses pedestrian accident on the east side of Rocky Point (the person declined medical attention). Fire personnel responded to begin medical care on 2 calls before EMS crews arrived.

For EMS there were 29 calls; 23 in District 5 and 6 out of District. Of the 23 in District; 13 calls handled by the EMS crew, 9 calls with assistance from Fire personnel and 1 call dispatched and cancelled before arrival. EMS out of District 5 were 7 calls; 4 medical, the motor vehicle pedestrian call, 1 transfer to Wenatchee and a search for a person in the water at night.

Fire Call Processing was at 3:06, Arrival on scene at 9:30.

EMS Call Processing was at 1:38, Arrival on scene at 9:59.

Of the 33 calls in District 5, 25 calls were compliant to NFPA 1221, for call processing.

The Uno Fire in the Safety Harbor drainage has created a threat to District 5. Contacting all the Commissioners on September 1st, the day before a delegation of authority was signed to Northwest Team 10, by consensus the Commissioners approved to have me sign on to the delegation for the protection of District 5 if the fire came. I have attended daily informational meetings to stay connected to current and expected conditions, action points, and weather. I spent a half day with the Team's structure specialist going over current structure assessments and reviewing our actions in 2002 when the Deer Point Fire came in. I feel very confident that if we had this fire in District our actions will be effective and with good cooperation.

Personnel and Training

Training for August was almost entirely around the new SCBA. After our orientation on July 31st, I created a list of emergency procedure tasks that firefighters should know about the equipment before entering a hazardous atmosphere. To date, 6 people have completed the checklist. The challenge is doing it blindfolded and in bunker gear. The reality that a problem could occur in a dark building where the protective equipment cannot be removed. This checklist will be completed by all future people before participating in live fire training.

August also had medical OTEP and an officer meeting.

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Recruitment & Retention

We are still having inquiries about joining. We're still waiting for a couple packets to come back. We have a 40 year mechanic from Metro Transit retired in Manson, he (Tom Fix) would like to volunteer mechanic services. I asked him if he would mind expanding that to a water tender driver. He thought that would be a good job to do.

Facilities and Equipment

Engine-52 has a hiccup in the CAFS system. I wanted to rule out the air compressor as a possible issue. Had it serviced with filters and oil replaced. Now rather than the air compressor dropping out, the compressor is fine; the computer is turning the air off from the CAFS mix point. We have E-One working on a solution.

Dan and I met with Travis Swenson of Pacific Engineering to look at putting a roof covered area on the east end on Station-52 to cover and protect the future generator. Dan suggested doing a pre-application conference with Community Development to make sure we won't run into any issues in the permitting or construction phases. We may have an issue in current standards for water runoff of the new roof section. Want to make sure we consider all issues before taking any action.

I have had Patty make contact with 3 local excavation contractors to get quotes for doing an ecology block wall of the east and north side of the station to be able to continue to drive around the station.

The new Scott compressor system was installed on September 5th & 6th. The system Technician will return as soon as he gets the parts that need replacing from shipping damage. Also a valve on one of the storage cylinders is not operating. So currently we have 2 cylinders for air storage. I will get people trained on the fill system this Monday and through the week.

Drill this Monday will focus getting more people qualified on the SCBA. If I can get another 8 qualified on SCBA, I will pull the old SCBAs and put the new system in service Tuesday.

The grant request I made for replacing the ambulance has 1 more chance of award hopefully next week. Getting toward the end of this grant cycle.

RiverCom

Construction on the Blag Mountain site is underway. Budget time of year with RiverCom and I was asked to sit in on a budget meeting. Small changes and reasonable growth are being proposed. Impact to District 5 may be in the \$200 to \$300 range.

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Prevention

As part of the Uno Fire Team's public meeting on September 6th, I asked the public for their help in preparing their homes to be fire resistant. If we have a large fire come through, the homeowner may only get an Engine crew for a few minutes. The more prepared the homes are, the less time needed for protection.

If fire comes to District 5, we will work with Todd of Forest Service, with task force with officers and using all of our strengths and staying connected. There is a plan in place. There are currently 50 Forest Service personnel on the fire. Many of them were also on the Deer Point fire. A lot of experience here.

Chelan County Fire Advisory Board has recommended to the County Commissioners for closure of roads to the back country. Road closures and barricades are in place to keep non-landowners out. Owners can still get to their private property.

Assistant Chief's Report: None

EMS Report: 2 wks ago the hospital contracted with the Forest Service for ambulance on the Uno Peak Fire. Ray Eichmier spoke to Chief about contracting with CCFD5 to pay the Fire District \$500 stipend compensation for Fire Fighter / EMT. The only EMT with red cards are Arnold & Raynor Baker. Raynor is appreciated because he's experienced and knows what he's doing.

Harris motioned to accept the subcontractor agreement with the hospital as written. The hospital is paying for fuel and expenses. Baker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. When a Fire Fighter is working the fire, he is covered by BVFF instead of L&I.

The number of EMT incidents is down, like CCFD5 activity this month. EMS is down on staff as well.

Old Business:

Company Calendar: Washington Fire Commissioners Conference in Spokane October 26th – 28th John will be out of town that week and so cannot attend. Arnold has a conflict also as he will be attending the Fire Marshals Conference at Campbell's Resort in Chelan. Dan is also unable to attend, being out of town that week. Brian will think about it and let Patty know if he will be attending the Fire Commissioner Conference.

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Station 52 Generator: Arnold & Dan met with Travis from Pacific. He suggested building it like a wood pole building and being all metal. Drill hole and small footing to put pole on, fill with concrete. The intention is to tuck the structure up tighter underneath the roofline, maintaining 3/10 pitch. Station 52 did not need to have a storm water drain, but may need to with this new addition. We will hold off on excavation bids until we know whether we will be required to install a dry well. Dan will talk to the Building Official to see what we need to do about exhausting, etc. No brand of generator has been chosen yet. We will get bids later. The poured pad will be thicker under the generator; Dan suggests deep concrete with generator at grade. Brian thinks the tank has to be above grade level. This needs to be looked into. Spencer suggests we add bulliards to protect generator from vehicle bumping.

EF Recovery is a company to bill people for cleanup in case of a really big spill that could be costly to clean up. Chief recommends we adopt it for "just in case" situation. This agreement allows us to pull the trigger at our own discretion. There will be a fee to engage this agreement set up. Baker motioned to have Arnold sign the EF Recovery Agreement, Harris seconded, motion pass unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Colville Fuels has a new Director, Chris O'Neil. O'Neil has the agreement in hand. No response yet.

The Regular Meeting was suspended into Executive Session for Review of a Public Employee at 5:51. The Regular Meeting reconvened at 5:54

Public Comment: Chris Willoughby reported that the Hydrofest is scheduled for the end of this month. The Open House will be held the same as last year. 10:00 am start.


We will be providing food for the Hydro plane crew, with pre order forms. In return the Fire Dept. will be on the Sponsorship T-shirts. There will be no car wash this year. The Association will sell shirts & food. The idea of a Chili Cook Off has been in discussion for Fire & Ice. There is a \$25 entry fee; contestants would provide their own food etc. The Chamber has agreed to provide us with a tent at ale fest for the chili cook off. We sell little 2 oz cups of chili 5/\$2 to sample. If this is successful it could turn into an international chili location in a few years.

There was talk about fireworks show during winter fest? Maybe biodegradable glow in the dark balloons?

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Adjournment: Having no additional business before the board the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

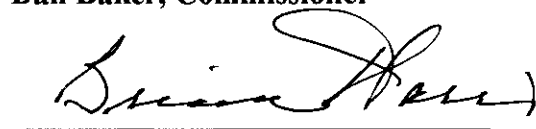
Chelan County Fire District 5 Board of Commissioners:




John Spencer, Chairman



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Attest: Patty McClellan
District Secretary