

**Chelan County Fire District No. 5**  
**250 West Manson Blvd.**  
**Manson, WA 98831**  
**July 12, 2022**  
**Regular Meeting of Commissioners**

**Commissioners Present:** Dan Baker, and Dana Starkweather.

**Others Present:** Chief Arnold Baker, District Secretary Reggie Trusel, Firefighter Association President Chris Willoughby, Assistant Chief Kermit McClellan.

**Call to Order:** Commissioner Chairman Starkweather called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. The Flag salute commenced.

**Pension Board:** Opened: 4:32 pm. Pension Board Closed 4:32 pm.

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes:** Chairman Starkweather presented the Regular meeting Minutes from June 14<sup>th</sup> Commissioner Baker Motioned to approve Meeting Minutes, Commissioner Starkweather, seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Report:** Chief Baker suggested moving \$30,000.00 from Investment account to the Expense account. Commissioner Starkweather Motioned to approve the transfer of \$30,000.00 from Investment to the Expense account, Commissioner Baker, seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Invoices:** Commissioner Starkweather, Motioned to affirm July Voucher FD51 in the amount of \$23,641.07, Commissioner Baker seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

- “Firefighter 1”- Certification: Volunteer Aaron Richmond.  
Chairman Starkweather acknowledged Aaron Richmond for completing the Firefighter 1 certification on behalf of the Board. Aaron was not able to attend the meeting.
- June Voucher FD52 Approval  
Commissioner Starkweather reported the Board signing a second voucher for June; FD52 in the amount of \$238.00 after the last Commissioner Meeting, 6/14/22. Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Starkweather both acknowledged and confirmed the approval of June Voucher FD52 for \$238.00.
- Interagency Wildfire Resource Wage/Equipment Rates  
Per Washington State Patrol (WSP) State Mobilization (Mobe): Fire agencies that are a part of the Mobilization, are considered a “Contractor” and under requirements of the Proclamation 21-14 COVID-19 Vaccination mandate. Firefighters responding to State Mobe must hold and register their vaccination card with the State before they’re allowed to participate on a State Mobe wildland fire. Chief Baker explained those firefighters who have registered are free to help during mobilization, for those who do not could go out as an Equipment/Engine driver. Chief Baker emphasized the compensation rates for the

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Equipment has gone up considerably and recommended to the Board that we compensate our firefighters/drivers out of those funds. The Board agreed and recommended paying between \$20.00 and \$25.00 hourly/per driver. The overtime would be standard time/half.

**Old Business:**

- **Company Calendar:**

Chief Baker briefed the Board on the calendar meetings as well as the Tuesday evening drills listed for the month of July and part of August.

The Chief informed the Board the drill held after the Commissioner meeting would be a demonstration on extrication/rescue tools from companies; Genesis & Hurst. Assistant Chief McClellan encouraged the two Commissioners to join the drill and view the presentation. Chief Baker reiterated the demonstration will be highlighting battery operated tools (cutters and spreaders).

Chief Baker reminded the Commissioner to think about the upcoming WFCAs Annual Conference listed on the calendar for October 27-29 in Spokane.

- **Station 52 Irrigation:**

Chief Baker updated the Commissioners on how the sprinkler project is coming along. He indicated receiving a new air filter for the tractor and is ready to get the project finished.

- **Pre-Fire Plans:** None

- **Training Coordinator Position:**

Chief Baker reported receiving five “interest letters” from the department volunteers. He indicated he is waiting for direction from the Board on how to proceed. Discussion was made by the Board to have Chief Baker send out an email to the five candidates asking for their current resumes. Chairman Starkweather suggested giving them a couple of weeks to turn in. He also mentioned Commissioner Weiss had the idea; to remove the names from the resumes, so each candidate would remain anonymous. Consensus by the Board, was to change the position title name to “Training Coordinator.” Commissioner Baker suggested giving each candidate applying for the position the opportunity for an interview. The Board reiterated if needed, they could call a “special meeting” to discuss candidates further.

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- Resolution 2015-07: Chairman Starkweather briefed the Board, on how he wanted to establish this existing policy set forth in Resolution 2015-07; 25 % of the annual budget dollars are reserved for wildland aid.

**EMS Report:** None

**Assistant Chief's Report:** Kermit McClellan

Assistant Chief McClellan mentioned he is looking forward to the training drill tonight, advocating the need to update the departments extrication tools. He also reiterated the need to pursue "Electric Car/Hybrid" training and highly recommended moving forward with a training class sooner than later. He mentioned an incident with Hybrid automobile here in Manson recently. Kermit summarized the drivers that are "signed off" are continuing to practice on their own, taking the engines out driving as well as pumping water. He commented it is great to see them taking initiative and building their confidence.

**Chiefs Report:**

**\*Additional Discussion for Chiefs Report**

**Incidents:** Chief Baker stressed how the EMS/Fire calls are still up leading into July.

**Personnel and Training:** The Chief reported the Drill attendance a bit down. Chief Baker gave the Board a current training status report on the department's volunteers. The report shows the number of IFSAC, NFPA, NWCG, Medical certifications on file.

**Recruitment & Retention:** Chief Baker informed the Board, last month the department brought in two new recruits and just yesterday a third. He is glad to see the interest.

**Facilities and Equipment:** Tower-51 is out of service and currently in Yakima undergoing some repairs. The Chief did not know when Tower-51 would be ready for pickup. Commissioner Baker asked about the need to fix the outrigger switch, Chief Baker noted that was on the list for repair.

The Chief gave an update on the Chelan County (CPIF) Cascade Public Infostructure Fund-Grant. He indicated the grant application is completed and should be ready for submission. He noted grant writer; Michelle Mazzola looked over the application and suggested adding economic information as that is a significant piece to showing our "need". The Chief reported wildfire recovery costs over the past years have totaled \$270 million, effecting the economic development. He indicated our district is currently on the top 25 "highest risk" agency list for Washington State.

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Chief Baker mentioned the FEMA-AFG Grant; opens up their award process in mid-July and goes through September. The Chief explained the Department of Natural Resource(DNR) - Grant award will be paired with the FEMA grant for the {Type 3 CAFS} engine. He surmised the DNR award may be announced after we hear about the FEMA-AFG Grant.

**RiverCom:** Chief Baker informed the Board, the Vice President at Wapato Point Management Company; Scott Hutchinson and Resort General Manager Eric Featherstone will be working with RiverCom GIS Specialist, Lynn Palmer on “addressing” the resort for EMS and Fire responders.

**Prevention:** Wayne Worzella is continuing progress with Wildland mobile mapping.

**Public Comment:** Manson Firefighter Association president, Chris Willoughby gave an update from the Fourth of July Boot Drive the volunteers participated in. Earnings of \$2,223.34 will be split with the Manson Chamber-Fireworks show. The balance of Boot Drive income will go towards the Season of Hope charity.

**Adjournment:** Commissioner Starkweather closed the meeting with no additional business before the Commissioners; the meeting adjourned 5: 34 pm.

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

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**Commissioner Chairman Dana Starkweather**

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**Commissioner Fred Weiss**

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**Commissioner Dan Baker**

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**Attest: Regenia Trusel**  
**District Secretary**



# Manson Fire Department

Chelan County Fire District 5

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## Chiefs Report

July 12, 2022

### Incidents

56 Calls for service in the month of June; 38 within Fire District 5 and 18 out of District. Fire responded to 18 calls within District 5.

In District 5; 1 Off-road Vehicle Fire (4 wheeler), 1 LPG gas leak, 1 MVA with injuries, 1 Power line down, 3 Unauthorized burning, 1 Smoke detector malfunction, 1 Water problem, 1 No incident found on arrival and 8 Assist EMS.

Out of District 5; 1 Dispatched & cancelled call

EMS responded to 28 medical calls in District 5. 17 Calls EMS handled without Fire, 8 with assistance of Fire, and 3 Dispatched & cancelled.

Out of District 5; 11 EMS Calls, and 6 Dispatched & cancelled calls.

June Call Times;

Fire Call Processing was at 3:57, Arrival on scene at 11:44.

EMS Call Processing was at 1:22, Arrival on scene at 10:06.

Of the 38 dispatches in District 5, 30 calls were compliant to NFPA 1221, for call processing for 78.9%.

Of the 34 responses in District 5, 28 calls were compliant to Fire District 5 benchmark of 12:00 minutes for 82.4%.

### Personnel and Training

Training in June consisted of;

6/6 Officer meeting; review & plan June & July training, command duty, equipment – 6 officers attended

6/7 Water shuttle with Tender-52 – 9 attended

6/14 CAFS Ops in wildland, structure protection – 13 attended

6/21 Portable fire extinguishers – 10 attended

6/27 OTEP (Immunology & Oncology module) – 9 EMTs attended

6/28 PPE Decon & Rehab – 8 attended

### Recruitment & Retention

We have a Jr Firefighter for the summer, Alex Ingalls. New to the area from Alaska is Colin Richardson.

Colin got his EMT cert in Alaska and we will work to get him WA certified. Colin will jump into wildland training first to get active. Great to have Alex and Colin participating.

### Facilities and Equipment

Chelan County CPIF Grant – Proposal is complete. Worked with Michelle Mazzola to get her feedback on my narrative questions. Feel we have a strong argument for our project impacting economic development. Meeting with the Manson and the Chelan committee member to gain their support. I will make a presentation to the entire committee on July 28<sup>th</sup> about our project.

DNR Equipment Grant – The WA DNR 1168 grant, no word yet. Still in the running.

AFG Grant – AFG is supposed to begin awarding the 2021 cycle in mid July. Usually awards are on Fridays. This will fund \$252k of the project truck. The DNR 1168 is \$100 on top of that, if awarded.

S-52 Irrigation – Plowed some of the pipe in. Problems with my tractor have us on hold to week of the 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. Will try to get that completed.

Tower-51 went to Yakima for service on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Had hoped to have it back by now. While there I went through all the repair items with Dave and was explaining a couple oil drips at the turntable. It was right in front of Dave that the seal blew out. Dave was able to identify the seal kit required and had the kit expedited out of E-One. I had hoped for more of a report by now. Will forward by email when I receive it.

### **RiverCom**

RiverCom has an agreement with a Wenatchee firm that can perform the scope of work we need. They should be starting work asap. Assessing the cost to build on our selected site. (i.e. Water, Power, Sewer, Fiber)

RiverCom GIS Manager Lynn Palmer offered to fix Wapato Point Resorts addressing problem. The Resorts unit numbering system doesn't work well in GIS. Contact Scott Hutchinson as the Resort CEO and Eric Featherstone as the GM and they are open to Lynn's assistance.

### **Prevention**

Have not had opportunity to do anything on pre-fire this month.

Wayne has picked up the mobile mapping from last year and isn't very far from having our wildland border all mapped.