

Chelan County Fire District No. 5
250 West Manson Blvd.
Manson, WA 98831
June 9, 2020
Regular Meeting of Commissioners

Commissioners Conference Call: Dan Baker, Dana Starkweather and John Spencer.

Others on Call: Chief Arnold Baker, Training Officer Karen Sargeant, District Secretary Reggie Trusel, Fred Weiss, Officers; Adam Rasmussen and Kermit McClellan.

Call to Order: Commissioner Baker called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. No Flag salute, due to the Governor's Proclamation for meetings suspended.

Pension Board: None

Public Comment: None

Minutes: The Meeting Minutes for the Regular meeting on May 12, 2020 were presented, Commissioner Baker motioned to approve Minutes, Commissioner Spencer seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report: Presented and reviewed. Chief Baker suggested doing a funds transfer from investment account to expense checking account of \$10,000.00. Commissioner Starkweather made a motion to approve funds transfer of \$10,000.00 from investment account to expense checking account and Commissioner Baker seconded the motion; Motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of Invoices: Commissioner Spencer, Motioned to affirm the Voucher FD51 in the amount of \$15,370.72, Commissioner Starkweather seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

New Business: None

Old Business:

- Company Calendar: The next scheduled Commissioners Meeting is set for July 14, 2020. Commissioner Baker would like to move the meeting date to July 21st, as he will not be able to attend. Commissioner Spencer commented the date would be fine with him but would like to move the time up from 4:30 pm to 2:00 pm. All Commissioners were in agreement to move the date and time.
- ZBA-Architect, Randy Vanhoff: Station 52
Permit Status: Drawings have been submitted; however, nothing has come back as of yet. Waiting to hear back from county if they approve or have possible

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corrections. Chief Baker is still collecting data from MRSC Roster re: Contractor contacts for potential bids. Permit fees have been paid.

- Electric Sign Update: None
- Pre-Fire Plans: CCFD#1 Grant (Wildland Urban Interface) Assessments
We are waiting for a training meeting date.
- Aerial Truck Update: Regarding purchase of Alexis Snuzzle Pumper, our offer was not accepted, as the Trustee Board members were not willing to budge on their selling price of \$189,000.00.

Chief Baker presented some different engine options to the department officers during their past meeting on June 1st. They discussed looking at other possibilities for different aerial engines. Chief Baker is currently looking into four, Bronto Aerial Platform engines. All are in our price range, ages 2002-2004. Two of the engines have fairly low mileage, with the other two in the 60,000-mile range. One option is Manufacture E-One Bronto custom - 100' ladder with articulating boom and platform.

The Chief commented, Cascade Fire & Safety in Yakima is more than capable of servicing this type of engine. The shop foreman is very experienced working and operating the Bronto aerals. Assistant Chief Kermit McClellan commented he is a little bit reluctant to use this type of engine-platform. He expressed how the pump would be great but felt our volunteers would need significant training on how to use all the different features of this type of aerial engine. Captain Adam Rasmussen asked if this type engine would replace our existing pumper engine. He commented the aerial ladder engine would help to mitigate a lot of rescue issues. He reiterated this type of larger engine would require extra hours for training but prefers to have an engine that is safer.

Commissioner Starkweather recommended doing a second Commissioners-Workshop to discuss further options in purchasing an aerial ladder engine. Chief Baker commented there are several aerial ladder engines available and currently on the market. Commissioners had originally suggested doing a second workshop at the end of summer, but all agreed to possibly schedule something earlier.

EMS Report: None

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Training Officer Report: Karen Sargeant

***Further Discussion for Training Report**

Karen indicated update/changes on the report chart are in red ink. Two of our three students finished the EMT course and passed. Karen reiterated the challenge in finding testing locations and stated, students need to complete the test for practical / written @ IFSAC within one year. Finding enough evaluators can also bring challenges, as students completing classes cannot technically finish unless they can take both tests. Karen explained to the Commissioners the volunteers could travel out of town to outside testing locations, but face difficulties scheduling travel with their existing work schedules.

Karen heard from Dale Hille this past month regarding “open testing” for IFSAC (written tests) coming up in Quincy on June 30th. She feels this will not give enough time to prep the students. Karen wants to keep our volunteers encouraged to move all the way through from course to testing in a timely manner. Captain Nick Glenn has completed FF2 but is not able to finish until Firefighter 2 practical testing dates open up for our area.

Firefighter Training Drill-June 8th: Karen and Reggie collected qualification information from each volunteer in order to update their ID Cards. Karen took photos so images will be updated for each new card. Everyone who attended honored the Covid-19 (masks-wearing). Karen was pleased how the drill went for the officers. Everyone worked well in small groups while doing rotations, staying the appropriate distance apart during training.

Recruits: Two new people have shown interest in joining but have not heard back from them.

Assistant Chief's Report: Kermit McClellan commented, he is relieved driving-training is starting back up again and is looking forward to getting everyone back on the road. He is pleased to “get back in the game” after quite a break. Kermit mentioned, he is also looking forward to working with volunteers on their pump skills, as repetition is good to help them learn and stay fresh.

Chiefs Report:

***Additional Discussion for Chiefs Report**

Chief Baker commented, he is glad to have the Burn Ban in place.

Facilities:

Irrigation for property at Station 2 Update:

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After receiving all of the irrigation supplies, Chief Baker thought he would be ready to move forward with the sprinkler project, however while preparing for the layout, Chief found out the main water-line is located on the adjoining property. Chief explained he has Realtor, Morgan Picton preparing an agreement that will legally allow us to cross on to “Orn Miller’s” property. There is approximately 50 feet of land we will need to access in order to connect our lines to the “main” water line.

Once agreement is in place, Chief Baker suggested recruiting three or four firefighter volunteers to help out with the project, giving them a chance to earn points toward their performance bonuses.

EMS Vehicle Ambulance 3151- Cascade Fire & Safety finished upgrading our electrical/ lighting system. On the drive delivering the engine to Yakima, Chief Baker encountered an additional issue with the steering column (staying in lock position). While being serviced with CFS, Valley Ford was able to fix the problem and have ready for pick up in only one day. Lights are fixed and everything works great. Chief was pleased with their work and keeping the cost under budget.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Commissioner Baker closed meeting with no additional business before the Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Chelan County Fire District 5 Board of Commissioners:

Commissioner Chairman Dan Baker

Commissioner John Spencer

Commissioner Dana Starkweather

Attest: Regenia Trusel
District Secretary



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Chiefs Report

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Incidents

33 Calls for service in the month of May; 28 within Fire District 5 and 5 out of the District. Fire responded to 14 calls within District 5.

In District 5; 5 Authorized Controlled burning, 2 grass fire, 1 grass-brush fires, 1 vehicle fire (out on arrival), 1 CO alarm malfunction, 1 No incident found on arrival, and 3 calls to Assist EMS crew.

Out of District 5; 1 Brush-grass fire at Union Valley

EMS responded to 18 medical calls in District 5. 14 Calls EMS handled without Fire, 1 CO alarm malfunction, and 3 with assistance of Fire.

Out of District; 4 Medical calls.

May Call Times;

Fire Call Processing was at 1:40, Arrival on scene at 19:09.

EMS Call Processing was at 2:28, Arrival on scene at 12:29.

Of the 33 dispatches in District 5, 23 calls were compliant to NFPA 1221, for call processing for 69.7%. Of the 33 responses in District 5, 30 calls were compliant to Fire District 5 benchmark of 12:00 minutes for 90.9%.

Note; The longer response times on the fire responses were the Authorized Control Burns. In many of the cases I called the reporting party after the dispatch to learn more out the call, in some cases to cancel the call. Known control burns being called in from a distance did not warrant an emergency response.

Personnel and Training

We have begun to drill again. Currently in the Governor's Proclamation we are drilling outdoors with practical skills, driving, water supply.

The Wapato Point Ellowee condos are still in the plans for fall. Wapato Point Management is trying to get the Wapato Point lease owners here for a discussion and plan for the Ellowee units removal.

Recruitment & Retention

No new recruits.

Facilities and Equipment

Building Addition – ZBA Architects sent all building permit application to the County on May 15th. We processed our voucher about the same time. The Auditor's Office hand delivered our check for the building permit on May 29th. Now we wait. We can't print bid specs until dates are known.

I have been building a list and investigating the contractors that are registered in MRSC. I currently have 7 local contractors, Cashmere being the farthest away. My list is available for Commissioner review.

Truck purchase – The Alexis Snuzzle in Illinois is going to stay in Illinois. The Chief of their department supported and recommended to the Trustees to accept our bid. The Trustees turned it down. In an email thanking the chief for taking the truck over to Alexis for inspection and supporting our bid, he replied that the Trustees have decided to put more money in the truck and keep it.

We had an Officer meeting on Monday June 1st. I took 6 photos on aerials and laid them out on the table, had them pick what would be accepted in our community and would be useful to us. The trucks in the photos varied from a conservative 2003 International crew cab limited horsepower 1200-gpm pump with a simple 50' ladder to a very large 2004 E-One custom 500 horsepower 1535-gpm pump with 100' Bronto articulating boom and platform. It shocked them that the prices were similar. It was good discussion, the outcome being that maybe we have been too limited on our scope. The interesting part of this reference is the 2 trucks mentioned above is the \$5000 difference in price, \$95k and \$100k respectively. I have inquiries on the larger truck types to help build a clearer picture for discussion.

S-52 Irrigation – I located the water main for S-52 irrigation supply, problem is that it is about 70' up on Orn Miller's property. I contacted Morgan Picton as Orn's real estate agent, explained the situation and recommended a plan. Morgan received verbal approval for that plan to cross her property. Waiting for an agreement to work through before proceeding any further.

We have received all the irrigation materials for the project from S&W Irrigation in Wenatchee.

Ambulance Light Project – Took the ambulance to Cascade Fire on May 18th. On the way down at a rest area, the transmission linkage became jammed making it difficult to get out of park. We think something came loose in the steering column that locks the steering wheel and shifter when the key lock is in the off position. Cascade took it to Ford in Yakima to have this repaired, waiting to hear from Ford while writing this report.

RiverCom

RiverCom Board has a workshop in conjunction with their regular meeting on June 10th. The Shared Funding issue will be discussed. The Shared Funding is where all the User agencies have been reimbursed for radio purchases and radio preventative maintenance. The program has been hanging in limbo since the first of the year when the new levy took effect. I asked agencies to submit their radio inventories where they can be input into a depreciation schedule. The RiverCom Board does not know how big the agency radio needs are. Trying to help capture and define the need.

Prevention

Open burning closed on June 1st. Rather than just the opinion of the chiefs, this was done through a County Commissioner resolution to move from Low designation to Moderate designation. Within the Moderate is the language to close open burning, except campfires (still allowed) and to prevent vehicles going off road from our designated roads and beyond. Also this week the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest moved to the Moderate Fire Danger Rating as well.

JUNE TRAINING REPORT

TITLE	IFSAC	2020 GOAL	NFPA NON-CERTIFIED	NWCG	MEDICAL
Firefighter 1	6	8	1		
Firefighter 2	4	5	1		
Hazmat Operations	11	17	1		
Officer 1	2	2			
Officer 2	1	1			
Instructor 1	7	7		1	
Instructor 2	0	1			
Wildland FFT2		6		6	
Wildland FFT1		5		5	
Engine Boss		2		2	
EMT		12			10
EMT Instructor/Evaluator		2			2
Fire Inspector 1	1	1			
Public Information Officer				1	

Red = New Certifications

Number of Chelan Fire District #5 Firefighters = 30

Jerry Smith successfully passed both Hazmat Awareness and Hazmat Operations written tests and also passed the Hazmat Operations practical test. He will be receiving his IFSAC certificate soon. Aaron Richmond completed his EMT training and passed the national testing. His paperwork has been sent to the State for his Washington EMT certification. Tiffany Gaughan also passed the national EMT testing and has sent her paperwork to the State for the State of Washington EMT Certification.

ONLINE TRAINING – TARGET SOLUTIONS

I have been working with firefighters on an individual basis to assist them with the completion of the following trainings:

Basic Wildland – L-180, S-130, S-190

Basic Command/NIMS – IS – 100, 200, 700 & 800

TS RT-130 Wildland Fire Refresher – 4 Modules

The firefighters have been assigned a new module on water supply that they need to complete by Monday evening.

TRAINING

We will be training on the various types of water supplies and performing pump operations with several apparatus. We will set up several different station configurations to allow for COVID19 restrictions. All firefighters will be in small teams and will rotate through the stations as the evening progresses. They will be wearing masks for their protection. They will also be instructed in the new operational procedures for wildland fire deployment for mutual aid, state mobilization and extended attack.

One of the stations will also be set up to take department ID photos for new ID cards, assigning accountability tags to each firefighter, completing any missing paperwork and ascertain training status of each firefighter.

MEMBERSHIP

I am waiting to hear from two individuals that have expressed interest in joining our department.

TRAINING RECORDS

I have completed the review of firefighter training certificates and have compiled a list of needed classes or missing certificates. I will be coordinating with individual firefighters to get their training files up to date.