

**Chelan County Fire District No. 5**  
**250 West Manson Blvd.**  
**Manson, WA 98831**  
**June 11, 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 and Dana Starkweather

**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 and with nothing to report adjourned immediately after, opening regular meeting.

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes:** The Meeting Minutes for the Regular meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup> were presented and reviewed. Commissioner Baker motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Spencer seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Report:** No questions

**Approval of Invoices:** Commissioner Spencer motioned to approve Voucher FD51 in the amount of \$20,337.61 and FD52 in the amount of \$1,025.21. Commissioner Baker seconds; passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

Correspondence: Thank you card from Ray Eickmeyer of Chelan EMS for inviting the EMS crew to the Fire Banquet.

**Old Business:**

**Company Calendar:** The Commissioner Workshop is scheduled to be held on June 20<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30. An Agenda and goals for the Workshop were discussed. Some of the main goals to discuss are training and volunteer commitment. Commissioner Spencer and Chief Baker will get together and create a solid outline plan for the Workshop.

Chief will have his time shortened at KOZI. It was suggested at conference that he create a District FaceBook page. Not so much a social page, but more of a fact and information based page, such as CRR and prevention etc. It was suggested to do one posting a week.

Chief & Dan shared some of the things they learned at Commissioner Conference and Commissioner Baker would like to share more at the Workshop.

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**Opening of Electric Wind Machine Bid:** One bid was received from H.F. Hauff Company, Inc in Yakima. The bid amount was \$750.00

Commissioner Harris motioned to table the bid and not accept the bid at this time.

Commissioner Spencer second. Motion passed unanimously.

**ZBA Stn 52 Addition:** Commissioners discussed the drawing that ZBA submitted, making the addition shorter to accommodate the existing vent. While initially concerned that the addition did not extend the full length of the existing building, after some measuring of trucks, Chief Baker suggested that the shorter length would work well and save some money for the District. The trucks that will fit in there would be the Command Truck, Brush Trucks and Utility Truck. If the addition was extended the full length of the existing structure we would still only be able to fit one vehicle in that bay.

Brian Snure requested to be involved in the contracting part of the building. All are in agreement to move forward with the drawings as submitted.

**Assistant Fire Chief Position:** Discussion of Kermit's position as Assistant Chief was discussed, due to the fact that he did not pass the Strenuous Work Pack test for the first time this year. It was discussed that he doesn't do interior structure protection. The question was raised as to whether this would limit his training ability? This would depend on the task. He is still proficient at SCBA and can direct fighting of fire. Kermit thinks we need to develop some guidelines now, to be looking down the road, as many of our fire fighters are aging and seniors. The people who consistently respond are not the young ones.

The Commissioners agreed that it is not time to "turn Kermit out to pasture". He still has "head" knowledge to be used rather than his body. The live fire burn training last year on Quetilquasoon was discussed and was affirmed that we have the appropriate aged people for training on the inside. The Chief and Assistant Chief don't need to go in.

This conversation of aging lead into a further discussion about recruitment and participation. Chief Baker is wondering if 10% is not the right number to reward incident participation. Maybe require more. A lot of our volunteers just don't make calls, but go to training. Maybe there needs to be more incentive for going to incidents. Volunteers that only go to training but don't put it to use in incidents are tying up funds and time. There was discussion about creating a contract of commitment, encouraging new recruits to seriously think it through before joining.

**E-sign Update:** Chief Baker reported that Zuluaga Electric is currently working on a project at Carideas Winery. Now would be a good time to go talk to them with the existing ditch etc. Arnold will go talk to Charlie Liebecker this week.

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**Chiefs Report:**

Arnold shared how the recent travel trailer fire was fought with CAFS. Forest Service & DNR raised their level to high. We did not. We have several roads that go through both zones, in and out. The mapping needs changing, changing the boundaries. Bob Plumb & Chief are working on this, but won't help for this year.

**Incidents**

29 Calls for service in the month of May; 26 within Fire District 5 and 3 out of the District. Fire responded to 11 calls within District 5.

In District 5; 1 call to rekindled orchard burn, a camper trailer vehicle fire, 1 rubbish fire, 1 unauthorized burning, 1 authorized burning, 1 propane leak (no mitigation required), 5 calls to Assist EMS crew.

EMS responded to 18 medical calls in District 5. 13 Calls EMS handled without Fire, 5 with assistance of Fire, 2 calls were cancelled enroute.

Out of District; 1 Medical call, and 2 Dispatch & cancelled enroute.

**May Call Times;**

Fire Call Processing was at 1:45, Arrival on scene at 8:45.

EMS Call Processing was at 1:26, Arrival on scene at 8:02.

Of the 26 dispatches in District 5, 21 calls were compliant to NFPA 1221, for call processing for 80.8%.

Of the 24 responses in District 5, 23 calls were compliant to Fire District 5 benchmark of 12:00 minutes for 95.8%

**Personnel and Training**

May training consisted of Work Capacity test or Pack test for wildland red cards, Quarterly SCBA tests, SCBA mask fit tests, a makeup for Wildland Refresher for those that needed field exercise, Medical OTEP (Submersion injuries module) 24/7 Online (Firefighter Rehab and Hose appliances modules), and an Officer meeting.

**Recruitment & Retention**

No new application packets requested.

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**Facilities and Equipment**

On feedback from our neighboring agencies, elected not to add the external fill line to the Scott air compressor. The project lacks justification at this time.

E-52 – Rear tires will be replaced next week.

E-53 – Information I provided last month about the truck and ladders, collecting options for consideration at the Commissioners Workshop

**RiverCom**

I attended a RiverCom Board workshop to discuss long range plans. RiverCom has 5 years remaining on the contract with the City of Wenatchee for the top floor of the Police station. More issues surfaced with having a facility in the downtown core of Wenatchee. The Facilities Study did provide some good information to quantify some specific needs for facilities. I walked out of the meeting with more questions than answers. Some directives were given to staff to research more information. The process is timely with the term left at the current facility. The Workshop discussion was very valuable to addressing future facility needs.

**Prevention**

Open burning closed on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The County Commissioners moved the Fire Danger designation to a Moderate on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Doing this would take in all areas outside of fire districts and make it unlawful to go off road in a vehicle.

The County Commissioners also approved to have Chelan County in 2 Fire Zones. The mapping of the zones was done in cooperation between the US Forest Service and WA DNR. Now County, State and Federal are utilizing Fire Danger Ratings (FDR) and Industrial Fire Precaution Levels (IFPL) from the same map.

The Valley Zone includes Fire Districts 1 (Wenatchee), 5 (Manson), 6 (Monitor, Peshastin, Dryden, Valley High), 7 (Chelan), 8 (Entiat), portions of Douglas County and Okanogan County along the Columbia River. The Chelan Zone includes uplake from Districts 5 & 7, including District 10 in Stehekin, the higher elevations of Chelan County, District 3 (Leavenworth) and District 9 (Lake Wenatchee).

I will be participating in a weekly conference call with all eastern Washington partners evaluating the FDR/IFPL appropriate for the conditions. The benefit to the citizens is having consistent messaging about FDR throughout County State and Federal lands within these zones

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**Assistant Chief's Report:** Kermit doesn't have much but he reported further on Harmony Meadows CPR call. Our guys did an amazing job as a team. He's talked to all the guys and gave praise. He also emailed the sheriff from Harmony Meadows incident – sheriff received a ~~accommodation~~ **Commendation** for the call.

The District won the CPR award again this year. Best Agency for 2018. Chelan County has the highest cardiac survival rate in the nation and we now have knee pads for CPR.

**EMS Report** - none

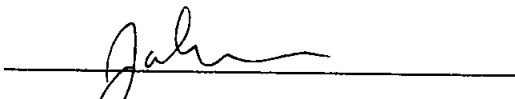
**Public Comment**: none

**Adjournment:** Having no additional business before the Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 5:40

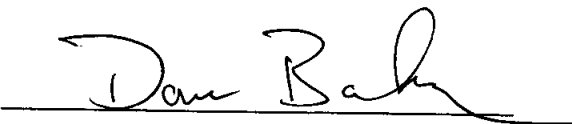
**Chelan County Fire District 5 Board of Commissioners:**



**Brian Harris, Commissioner Chairman**



**John Spencer, Commissioner**



**Dan Baker, Commissioner**



**Attest: Patty McClellan  
District Secretary**