

Chelan County Fire District No. 5
250 West Manson Blvd.
Manson, WA 98831
January 9, 2018
Regular Meeting of Commissioners

Commissioners Present: Dan Baker, John Spencer, and Brian Harris

Others Present: Chief Arnold Baker, Assistant Chief Kermit McClellan, Patty McClellan, Erin w/Lake Chelan Mirror, Chris Willoughby, and Ray Eichmeyer (Chelan EMS)

Call to Order: Commissioner Chairman Baker called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and the Flag salute commenced.

Pension Board: Opened at 4:30. We've been preparing the BVFF Annual Payment. Some of the Firefighters have not participated enough to be included in BVFF. With nothing more to report, the Pension Board adjourned at 4:32 and the regular meeting resumed.

Minutes: December 12th Regular Meeting Minutes were presented and reviewed. There was an error in the names of Commissioners present. "Brian Spencer" should read "John Spencer". Commissioner Harris motioned to approve the minutes as corrected; Commissioner Spencer seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report: There were no questions.

Approval of Invoices: There was discussion of Voucher #3, to send Secretary McClellan to AZ for training on Emergency Reporting. The District currently uses Emergency Reporting Software for much of its incident reporting, drill participation, training records and data, but the program has many other modules of training, occupancy and fire inspection. If we were using these modules we would be consistent with Fire Marshal Bob Plumb and the County, as well as modules for equipment checks, etc.

Commissioner Harris made the motion to approve vouchers # 1, 2 and 3 as presented. Commissioner Spencer seconded; Motion passes unanimously.

Chiefs Report:

Chief Baker presented new reports of the fire losses for 2017 and major breakdowns of calls for the year. There were 434 calls for EMS, which sets a new record for the District, which has been steadily increasing every year. EMS calls are about 75-80% of our calls. There was conversation regarding Dispatching times. The Board expressed dissatisfaction with RiverCom performance. Chief Baker is on the RiverCom Board and will share the concerns at the next meeting, which is scheduled for tomorrow.

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Assistant Chief's Report:

Assistant Chief McClellan reported that a date has been set for the Firemen's Banquet, April 9th. Using the Visa Points accumulation has provided more items to donate. There will be an actual auction for several items and all proceeds will go to Season of Hope. Patty will confirm the date with Charlie and Tracy Brown to use their barn for the venue again. It was also discussed that several people from the last banquet expressed that they had great difficulty in hearing what was being said. Patty will contact Darren Perri to see if he would be willing to donate the use of his sound system and help set it up etc.

EMS Report:

EMS Director Ray Eickmeyer reported that Chelan EMS saw 1,407 patients in 2017, which is 43 more than last year, and 200 more than in 2015. There were 3 cardiac saves this year, 2 of them in Manson. Ray considers a "save" when the patient recovers to the point of walking out of the hospital. He will have two new full time paramedics in February. Ray reported on his exciting plans for the future changes of healthcare in the valley.

Old Business:

Calendar: January 25th is WFCA/WFC Legislative Day in Olympia. Everyone agreed they could accomplish just as much from home. Chief Baker will communicate to Senator Hawkins and our State Representatives via email and make known our top 5 priorities:

1. Increased Funding for Fire Training Academy at North Bend
2. Wildland Fire Policy Issues
3. Support HB 1839 sales tax exemption for rural fire districts.
4. Introduce legislation to expand definition fo "taxing district" to include fire district and RFA in distribution of PUD privilege tax.
5. Support elimination of sunset clause for risk mobilization.

Chief Baker will talk to Dillon Doty who will work with Michal Steele on these issues.

Electronic Sign Update: Sandy Day is the new Chairman for the Manson Chamber. Patty will continue to pursue meeting with them to discuss joint purchase of sign.

Air Compressor – The new label for the air compressor *may* be ready by the end of January. Scott sent us an "Air Trailer", which is currently behind E-52. We will be able to keep this system until the label mess has been straightened out.

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Generator & Building Update: We still do not have a shipping date on the generator. They have received payment; we're just trying to connect with a transporter now. We have an engineer for the building project. Arnold & Dan dug a hole and found the conduit. Arnold shared an idea of enclosing and heating the new structure as another bay. The generator would be sheltered, but not enclosed in the back end of the building. He will present 2 or 3 scenarios to the engineer.

Pre-Fire Planning: Chris has created PDF's of some of the businesses in town. Lynn Palmer is in charge of GIS at RiverCom. They are working on creating a pre-fire plan tab in iSpy, which is located at RiverCom. Chris will continue to create these PDF drawings and prefire plans to put into iSpy.

Sick Leave Law and Command Duty: It was confirmed that officers on Command Duty do not fall under the Sick Leave law since they are not part of the L&I system when on Command Duty, but covered by Board of Volunteers.

NEW BUSINESS:

The new 2018 Resolutions were presented and signed:

- 2018-01 Appointing Fire Commissioner Board Officer Positions & Secretary; Commissioner Spencer motioned to approve; Commissioner Harris seconded; passed unanimously
- 2018-02 Establishing the Dates & Times of Regular Board Meeting; Commissioner Harris motioned to approve; Commissioner Baker seconded; Motion passed unanimously
- 2018-03 Granting authority to Execute Funds Transfer Between District Accounts; Commissioner Baker motioned to approve; Commissioner Harris seconded; passes unanimously.
- 2018-04 Appointing Payroll Officers for Fiscal Year 2018; Commissioner Spencer motioned to approve; Commissioner Harris seconded; passed unanimously
- 2018-05 Appointing Finance Auditing Officers for fiscal Year 2018; Commissioner Baker motioned to approve; Commissioner Harris seconded; passed unanimously
- 2018-06 Adopting a Small works Roster; Commissioner Harris motioned to approve; Commissioner Spencer seconded; passed unanimously

Scott Site Thermal Imagers: Chief Baker passed around a face mask equipped with the new Scott Site Thermal Imaging. The plan is to purchase 4 of these, one for each of the officers since they work on the inside of a burning structure. The cost for each of these is approximately \$1,200.

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Public Comment:

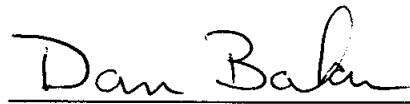
Chris informed that the Chili Cook Off has been cancelled due to lack of participation and interest. Eric Nelson of Edward Jones Financial in Chelan was fine with his donation going directly to the Season of Hope funds. SeaWestern had donated a ladies watch, and they would like the Association to keep that as well.

Commissioners reviewed the "points" spreadsheet and discussed the wages attached to them. It was decided that they would stay the same as last year.

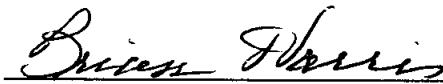
Chief Baker would like to post the Bid Notice to get prices on an International Chassis for E-54. Replacing the chassis would zero the hours to a new truck for approximately \$100,000 range as opposed to 250K or more for a whole new truck. The posting will state that the District will have the right to refuse any and all bids.

Adjournment: Having no additional business before the board the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Chelan County Fire District 5 Board of Commissioners:



Dan Baker, Chairman



Brian Harris, Vice Chair

absent 2-13-18
John Spencer, Commissioner



Attest: **Patty McClellan**
District Secretary