

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

Commissioners Present: Dan Baker and John Spencer; Brian Harris is an excused absence due to hospitalization.

Others Present: Chief Arnold Baker, District Secretary Patty McClellan, Chris Willoughby

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 4:31 with nothing new to report, the regular meeting recommenced at 4:33

Public Comment: none

Minutes: September 11th Regular Meeting Minutes were presented and reviewed. Commissioner Spencer motioned to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Baker seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report: Points payout was discussed, about 1/3 has been paid out.

Approval of Invoices: Commissioner Baker motioned to approve Voucher FD51 in the amount of \$ 6,906.96 and voucher FD52 in the amount of \$ 449.99. Commissioner Spencer seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Company Calendar – Fire Prevention Conference at Campbell’s Resort is scheduled for the week of October 22nd through the 25th. Chief Baker will be attending.

Generator Update – There is no UL sticker on the new generator. Chief Baker programmed it to run weekly. It was decided that the officers for Station 52, Beau and Raynor should also learn to program and maintain the generator. Chief Baker doesn’t think that Brian Ziesmer has been out to look at the new generator yet.

E54 Chassis Update: E54 was taken to Cascade Fire in Yakima on October 2nd. They have time now to begin work on replacing the chassis with the new one and are in the process of tearing it down to get ready. No promise of completion date but Chief Baker expects it to take a couple of months. When the updating is complete, the District will surplus out the old chassis.

MRSC Small Works Roster – Chief Baker made a change to Section 2, item 1, adding the final sentence to read “Projects in phases more than a year apart due to affordability are allowed” The

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revised document will be emailed to Brian Snure for one more review before signing at the November meeting. Commissioner Baker motions to submit the revised Resolution to Brian Snure. If he approves the changes the Commissioners will sign the Resolution. If Snure does not approve the amendment, the change will be stricken from the document and the Commissioners will come in and sign it as it is currently written. Commissioner Spencer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Baker motioned to approve the date correction in Resolution 18-01. Commissioner Spencer seconded the motion, passed unanimously. The revised Resolution was then signed.

New Business:

DNR Agreement reads basically the same as what's been signed before. Page 8 signature page needs commissioner signatures also. Basically the agreement allows us to put people out on fires, and apparatus and be part of the DNR grant system, etc. Commissioner Baker motioned to sign the agreement. Commissioner Spencer seconded. The Commissioners signed two copies to be sent to DNR for their signing. One copy will be returned.

Chief's Report:

River com is still trying to get a new Director. No applications have been submitted yet. There are still two weeks remaining to accept applications. The position has been advertised nationally.

Budget time of year, working on collecting firm numbers in each of the line items where I expect change. Also have not received preliminary figures from the Assessor's Office yet for revenue. I have been building the budget with what is available. We need to plan on personnel evaluations for November meeting. We can then complete the budget at that time. I will email each Commissioner my budget worksheet to review next week.

Incidents

39 Calls for service in the month of September; 32 within Fire District 5 and 7 out of the District. Fire responded to 6 calls within District 5, 1 out of District 5.

In District 5; 1 Unauthorized Burn, 1 CO detector malfunction, 4 calls to Assist EMS crew.

Out of District calls; 1 brush & grass fire

EMS responded to 27 medical calls in District 5 (4 of these with assistance of Fire), 1 Cancelled Enroute, 2 medical pendent alarms that were unintentional. 6 Medical calls out of District 5.

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September Call Times;

Fire Call Processing was at 1:55, Arrival on scene at 10:05.

EMS Call Processing was at 1:36, Arrival on scene at 9:37.

Of the 32 dispatches in District 5, 26 calls were compliant to NFPA 1221, for call processing for 91.3%.

Of the 31 responses in District 5, 28 calls were compliant to Fire District 5 benchmark of 12:00 minutes for 90.3%.

Personnel and Training

Training in September consisted of SCBA Emergency Procedures, vehicle extrication with hydraulic tools, medical OTEP (Acute Coronary Syndrome), 24/7 Online (Responding to Violence module)

The discussion has come around again about changing drill night from Monday to Tuesday evenings. We had some key people that could not do Tuesday due to other commitments. I wanted to get away from Mondays as we lose to many drill nights for holidays observed on Mondays. It seems to be acceptable with everyone to continue with Monday evenings and the holiday conflict nights have those drills on Tuesday.

Recruitment & Retention

One new recruit going through process now, Dashiell Hei was trying to get a career job with Redmond Fire, that has fallen through. He now works for the Reclamation District. He comes with Firefighter 1, Firefighter 2, Haz-Mat Operations and EMT certifications.

Facilities and Equipment

The FEMA 2018 Assistance for Firefighters Grant is open now for applications. I will be submitting for the ambulance and brush truck replacement as we discussed in the summer workshop. Applications close October 26th.

On September 25th, we did our annual pump testing. I had Tom Fix help me that day, we learned a couple issues that need attention. The new gauge assemblies worked great. We have slightly different readings this year than from the old gauges in past years that were far out of calibration. The trucks tested well, E-51, E-52 and T-52. E-53 is slipping a little more in the 250-psi test. We will not lose any points from Survey & Rating for this condition as the Engine is 47 years old and in reserve status.

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E-54 Update - On Oct 2nd, I took Engine-54 to Yakima to begin the conversion to the new chassis. Conveniently the shop crew has some open time right now, so they began the disassemble of the old chassis right away.

S-52 Generator – The generator is fully operational. Colvico did program the transfer switch to start the generator on Sunday mornings at 3:00am, and without load. I was able to figure out the programming from the user manual and changed the programming to test Saturday mornings weekly at 9:00am and transfer the load from the PUD to the generator for that 20 minute period.

I am still waiting for Colvico to communicate their release from L&I and Employment Security. I heard from an outside source that L&I did not sign off the electrical permit. This may be from the used generator not being UL labeled. There is a question if it needs to be labeled. Colvico has not communicated this to me yet. We are still holding the 10% payment.

Engine-52 CAFS – We sent Tom Fix to the WA State Fire Mechanics Conference in Yakima. Tom made some connections with the Hale Pump guys. One of the Hale technicians went through all the procedures Tom has completed and advised the next step, a \$600 part to be replaced. Apparently this part is prone to failure and should have been the starting place. Tom and I will get this ordered first of next week.

RiverCom

Blag Mountain repeater is being installed. Completion should happen soon before weather turns too bad at that elevation.

The old Manson reflector TV site on Slide Ridge was damaged by a wildfire. Some repairs were done to the building as required. Those repairs are minimal. The Manson TV group is giving up ownership to Chelan County. The County is transferring that site to RiverCom. In the process of restoring after the fire, the PUD has replaced the powerline to the site. This could provide some additional coverage to the Lake Chelan valley including better coverage in 25 Mile Creek.

RiverCom Director Jim Fosse is retiring in January. The Board is fast tracking a director replacement process to have a new Director hired in December.

Prevention

The Chiefs in Chelan & Douglas Counties met and discussed burn restrictions. It was decided to not request additional action by the County Commissioners for burn designation. The ban in place expired on September 30th. Therefore the burn ban was lifted on October 1st.

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Assistant Chief's Report: None

EMS none

Public Comment: Chris Willoughby reported on Hyrdofest/Open House event. There were a lot of compliments on both days. The event ~~rose~~^{raised} over \$2300. The balance in the association account is approximately \$13,000. This has been the Association's biggest year for revenue. Shirt sales have also been good.

Many people like the new hat style, others like the old, so we're keeping both styles. The Association has enough now to cover everything 100%. The Association also received a \$500 donation from The Eagles. Applications are ready for Season of Hope. The delivery date for Season of Hope packages will be Nov 26th. There has been a lot of interest for us to start an auxiliary.

Adjournment: Having no additional business before the Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

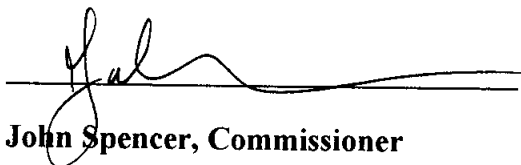
Chelan County Fire District 5 Board of Commissioners:




Dan Baker, Commissioner Chairman

Absent

Brian Harris, Commissioner



John Spencer, Commissioner



Attest: Patty McClellan

District Secretary