

**Chelan County Fire District No. 5**  
**250 West Manson Blvd.**  
**Manson, WA 98831**  
**March 13, 2018**  
**Regular Meeting of Commissioners**

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

**Others Present:** Chief Arnold Baker, Assistant Chief Kermit McClellan, Secretary Patty McClellan, Erin from Lake Chelan Mirror, Ray Eickmeyer from EMS and 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 4:30. The 2017 Annual Pension Certification for BVFF was reviewed. Commissioner Harris motioned to approve Commissioner Baker to sign for the Board. Commissioner Spencer seconded. With nothing more to report, the Pension Board adjourned at 4:33 and the regular meeting resumed.

**Public Comment:** none

**Minutes:** February 13th Regular Meeting Minutes were presented and reviewed. Commissioner Baker motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Commissioner Harris seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Report:** Date error was corrected

**Approval of Invoices:** Commissioner Harris made the motion to approve vouchers FD51 in the amount of \$4,102.15 and FD52 in the amount of \$1,258.72 as presented. Commissioner Spencer seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

**Company Calendar** – Chief Baker has been chosen to be part of the Technical Review Board for the FEMA grant the week of April 9<sup>th</sup> thru the 13<sup>th</sup>.  
Driver training plans have been postponed until September so as to combine with EMS.

**RFQ Opening for Architect** – We received RFQ's from Loofburrow Wetch Architects, Calvin Jordan Associates, Inc, ZBA Architecture and The DOH Associates. The question was raised as to whether we actually need an architect for a simple addition to a metal building? We will research pre-engineered buildings.

**SCBA Air Compressor** - We now have the labels that were shipped to us and are currently waiting for a qualified inspector to install the labels on the compressor.

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Pre-Fire Planning - Chris reported that he has been working on learning more of the program. Patty is also learning how to use the software. The 2 will work together on this project.

Commissioner Baker would like to develop a list of non-priority items such as installing a flag at Station 52 and the electronic sign investigated earlier so as to follow through on these projects.

**New Business:**

Out of District Fire Protection - The recent fire at 1 Moonbeam Rd was a fire in nobody's fire District, which brings up the question of charging for use of equipment, man power, etc. At the State Chief's rate this fire would cost just under \$2000. A policy needs to be developed, assuring that when we're out of District we need to keep some apparatus and man power in District as well. One option that was discussed is for out of district property owners to pay an annual fee for Fire Protection. A Policy draft needs to be started and discussed further.

Chief Baker brought up the "Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6109", lines 25 – 30 "In adopting and maintaining the code enumerated in subsections (1) and (2) of this section, any amendment to the code as adopted under subsections (1) and (2) of this section may not result in an International Wildland Urban Interface Code that is more than the minimum performance standards and requirements contained in the published model code."  
This legislation has not been signed yet.

Pictometry - Chief Baker and Patty had been to an educational meeting introducing a product called Pictometry, promoted by a company called Eagle View. Pictometry produces a 5 angled picture in 3" pixels. Similar to Google Earth but vastly superior. If adopted, every department in the County would have access to the imagery, including Fire, Law, Assessor, PUD, and Rivercom. There may be funds available in Rivercom that could cover much of the cost. Eagle View has a large number of their own special planes that fly over Counties to provide this. Douglas County is signed up for a fly over in spring of 2019. In an emergency event, they do a fly over to assess the emergency as well.

Electrical Contractor – We will go ahead and move forward with installing the generator and hooking it up. It is easier to install the generator without the building first. Exhaust will go out the east side or straight out the back. It'll be open on 2 sides. It won't really need venting. The generator is 9' long (footprint). We will soon be starting the generator to be sure it runs. The Automatic transfer switch will need to be purchased to make it run automatically when needed. A Draft of a Request for Electrical Bid was reviewed. The ad will be placed and the Bids will be opened at the next Regular Meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Brian Zeesmer, electrical engineer wants to be present at the bid opening to help. We will provide drawings for the bidders. 3 conduits, 9 wires approx. \$2000-4000.

Chief will do a drawing of the footprint of the proposed building.

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Commissioner Baker will talk to Steveson Excavating about getting the retaining wall work done before the building happens.

**Chiefs Report:**

**Incidents**

33 Calls for service in the month of February; 29 within Fire District 5 and 4 out of the District. Fire responded to 6 calls; 1 Dispatched and Cancelled, 1 Smoke Alarm Activation-No Fire, 1 Alarm System Activation-No Fire, 2 calls to assist EMS crew. The 6<sup>th</sup> call was a structure fire outside of the Fire District in Joe Creek area.

EMS responded to 26 medical calls in District 5 (2 of these with assistance of Fire), 4 of the medical calls were for medical pendent that was accidentally pushed. 3 medical calls out of District 5, 2 of them being cancelled enroute.

February Call Times;

Fire Call Processing was at 0:43, Arrival on scene at 4:30.

EMS Call Processing was at 1:45, Arrival on scene at 10:23.

Of the 29 calls in District 5, 26 calls were compliant to NFPA 1221, for call processing.

Of the 28 calls in District 5, 27 calls were compliant to Fire District 5 benchmark of 12:00 minutes.

The structure fire on 1 Moonbeam Rd is outside of Fire District 5 and not in any fire district, no-mans-land. I have prepared a statement of value for the services delivered to the property. I request the Board review the statement and make a determination how to handle that value. It is commonly practiced among fire departments/districts that not providing services to these no-mans-land properties is a greater liability than not responding. Our response was a best effort even though there was a total loss on our arrival. Firefighters learned valuable lessons in taking equipment into a limited access area and working in difficult situations. Temperature at the end of the evening was 10 degrees, no injuries, no cold exposure emergencies and a relative quick return of some apparatus to District for coverage.

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**Personnel and Training**

Training for the month of February consisted of Regional CPR Testing done by James Bergeron. This test compares quality of CPR by all responders participating. Quality has a very significant impact on patient outcome. Additional training was for ice rescue, we cut ice on Roses Lake to allow firefighters to gain confidence in their protective equipment and experience some challenges of extracting people out of the water. 24/7 Online modules were for Ground Ladders and Breaching Masonry Walls. There was also an officer meeting the first week of the month.

I am becoming concerned why our number of responders on significant events like structure fires hasn't been what we would like. The fire on Moonbeam we had 6 trucks and 6 people. We had additional help from EMS and Chelan to fill the gap, but our number was down. Another structure fire this week and 3 suited up firefighters that went in the smoke to mop up, again if it wasn't for Chelan sending 3 to work mop up we would have been very challenged. I bring this up for all of us to keep an eye on response, if there is a reason it isn't making it up the chain to me. I have communicated to all the people that haven't been turning out in 2017 and told them that we needed them. Really not much has changed.

**Recruitment & Retention**

We have received another request for a packet from a career firefighter living here part time.

**Facilities and Equipment**

Scott Compressor update: Scott has received the labels and certification for our compressor and fill station units. We are now arranging for an inspector to come and look at the units and apply the labels. Scott has been bought out by 3M. The Compressor Manager lost his job in the merger, so I have a new Manager that is carrying our labels with him personally until he can handoff to an inspector. I have communicated verbally and in writing that we need to be compensated for our trouble.

E-52 CAFS part came, Tom Fix got it installed. Hopefully we can get it tested next week.

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**RiverCom**

More information on the Confluence Technology Center issue. Apparently the Port District has surplused their interest in the facility. This would make a good dispatch center. The County has spent \$2.5M in the project and is still paying \$1M in a bond. The Sheriff's office has a grant from the State for an Emergency Operation Center. Taking RiverCom and the Sheriff's EOC to the CTC would be a good option for the citizens.

**Prevention**

I received the Final CPAW report this week. Now I expect the County Commissioners to call for committees to work through code issues to make a local recommendation for the code amendments that are needed.

I am helping the Regional Life Safety Council with a FEMA Fire Prevention & Safety grant to replicate the smoke alarm program like we did 5 years ago. It's a great opportunity to create Community Risk Reduction as a cultural change rather than just responding to emergencies. Let's have responders take interest in reducing the preventable incidents.

No County discussions on CPAW yet.

**Assistant Chief's Report:**

Assistant Chief McClellan reported that Banquet planning is going well. No actual donations yet, but many verbal commitments. Some firefighters are asking to be driving. He's got some scheduled.

McClellan also emphasized the need for complete transparencies for our tax payers, considering all that's going on with other districts in the valley.

**EMS** - Ray Eickmeyer reported that he's still moving full speed ahead on his plans for "Community Para Medicine". He reminded of Kevin Abel's Farewell Reception coming up on March 24<sup>th</sup> at Sorrento's from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

An interim CEO has been chosen for the hospital. He'll be spending the next 2 weeks with Kevin before Kevin leaves.

The hospital received money from the Forest Service for doing the fire stand by on the Uno Peak Fire. He will be sending the agreed upon amount to CCFD5.

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The Fit tester that the hospital currently owns was purchased in the year 2000. The hospital is in the process of getting quotes to replace it. Chief Baker suggested that since the Fire District uses this piece of equipment also, we might consider sharing some of the cost to replace it. The cost for replacement would be approximately \$13,000. The Fire District uses it possibly 15-20% of the use. The subject is tabled for now.

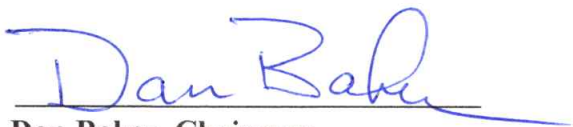
Chief Baker reported that the Heavy Duty Chassis replacement has been ordered. We have a VIN for it. The tentative delivery date is May 24<sup>th</sup>, at which time we will need to take E54 to Yakima to make the conversion.

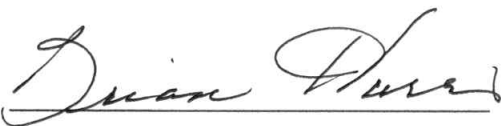
The Manson Volunteer Firefighters' Association will be hosting The Volunteer Firefighters' Association dinner at Station 52 on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Karen Sargeant is heading this up, as Chris will be out of town.


**Public Comment:** None


**Adjournment:** Having no additional business before the board the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m

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

  
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Dan Baker, Chairman

  
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Brian Harris, Vice Chair

  
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John Spencer, Commissioner

  
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Attest: Patty McClellan  
District Secretary