

**Chelan County Fire District No. 5**  
**250 West Manson Blvd.**  
**Manson, WA 98831**  
**September 11, 2018**  
**Regular Meeting of Commissioners**

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

**Others Present:** Chief Arnold Baker, Assistant Chief Kermit McClellan, District Secretary Patty McClellan, Chris Willoughby and Ray Eichmeyer from LCCH.

**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 4:32; Wayne Worzella has an injury claim with BVFF (Board of Volunteers) for a knee injury he received while working the Grass Valley Fire. Commissioner Spencer motioned to authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign for Wayne's benefits. Commissioner Baker seconded; motion passed unanimously. Regular meeting resumed at 4:33.

**Public Comment:** Chris shared the new vinyl retractable sign for the association. It collapses down to a compact size, making it easy to transport wherever it would be needed. It'll work great for events such as Farmers' Markets and Open House events.

**Minutes:** August 14th Regular Meeting Minutes were presented and reviewed. Commissioner Spencer motioned to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Baker seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Report:** There will be an upcoming expense of \$200,000 to close on the training property purchase. There is still over \$455,500 in the investment fund, so the District is still in good shape financially.

**Approval of Invoices:** Voucher FD51 was corrected to reflect an \$8,764.12 credit with MES. Voucher FD51 has been changed to \$48,655.09 Commissioner Baker made the motion to approve vouchers FD51 in the amount of \$48,655.09 and FD52 in the amount of \$11,575.00 as corrected. Commissioner Spencer seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

We currently have no price for closing on the purchase of the training property due to incomplete BLA at the County. The purchase is set to close on September 19<sup>th</sup>, or at least soon after. Commissioner Spencer motioned to authorize Commissioner Baker to sign the Purchase & Sale Agreement not to exceed \$198,000. The purchase price of the property being \$200,000 in addition to no more than \$3,000 in closing costs. \$ 5,000 has already been paid as earnest money. Board members will sign the closing voucher individually, avoiding the need to call a Special Meeting to approve this individual voucher. Commissioner Baker seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

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**Old Business:**

**Company Calendar –**

Our annual Open House Fund Raiser will again be held at Stn-51 during the Hydroplane races on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, providing BBQ burgers and hot dogs, chips and bottled water by donation. Ray Eichmeyer, of EMS plans on bringing some bicycle helmets for donation to kids who need them, promoting EMS.

The VFW & First Responders BBQ will also be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 at Champion Orchards Barn. The plan is to quickly break down and clean up at 2:00 on Saturday so as to give first responders the opportunity to attend that event as well.

**Generator Update** – The new Generator installation is complete at Stn52. It still needs L&I approval and Brian Ziesmer of Z-Engineers will come to approve it also. The generator has been programmed to run weekly. Commissioner Spencer suggested a “Generator Ribbon Cutting” ceremony or something similar as a photo op to allow the public to know how the District has spent some of their money and why, remembering the year 2015 when the valley was out of power and other such instances that could happen, Stn-52 will be a place people can go to be warm, or whatever. This is a great asset to the community in an emergency situation. Chief Baker will have a training program to teach a few responders how to operate the generator in the case that the Chief not be present. Chief Baker feels confident that this generator is exactly what we need it to be. Chief will be on KOZI on Friday to share it also. Commissioner Baker suggests building something for a snow break so the roof of snow doesn’t come down on the generator.

**E54 Chassis Update:** After his trip to Yakima to assist with the dash of the new chassis for E54 Chief Baker reported that the new chassis is everything he wanted it to be. The frame rivets are backward behind the cab, so that’ll need to be fixed, but that’s the only thing he didn’t like. Dash has plenty of room for controls. No chevrons needed in back. This truck doesn’t have to meet NFPA standards as it’s only a rebuild, not a new truck. Cascade will take E54 to swap chassis when we’re ready to give it up. E52 still has CAFS trouble. Tom Fix continues to work on it.

**MRSC Small Works Roster** – There was review and discussion of the Resolution 2018-12 draft, resulting in a few more modifications. The draft will be revised and sent to Brian Snure for legal review.

**Block Wall Contract Closing** – Steveson Excavation’s Bookkeeper is working on the Prevailing Wage Affidavit paperwork so as to satisfy the last 10% payment requirement.

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**Out of District Volunteer Recognition** – Patty Shared a mockup of a certificate of appreciation to be presented to fire fighters that respond to fires outside of District 5. Commissioners suggested some changes and Chief would like to present the certificates at the Firefighters' Appreciation Banquet next spring.

**New Business:** none

**Chiefs Report:** Activity has slowed down a lot in the month of August.

**Incidents**

There were 32 Calls for service in the month of August; 19 within Fire District 5 and 13 out of the District. Fire responded to 15 calls within District 5, 4 out of District 5.

In District 5; 1 Structure fire, 1 Motor Vehicle Accident with no injuries, 1 Alarm activation no fire, 1 Dry Sprinkler System Activated, no fire- no water sprayed, 1 Smoke from a BBQ, 1 orchard burn rekindled after spring burning, 1 Dispatched and cancelled enroute, 4 calls to Assist EMS crew. Out of District calls; 3 brush & grass fire and 1 No incident found to a call in Antilon Lake area.

EMS responded to 12 medical calls in District 5 (4 of these with assistance of Fire), and the motor vehicle call. 6 Medical calls and 3 Dispatch cancelled enroute call out of District 5.

July Call Times;

Fire Call Processing was at 1:42, Arrival on scene at 9:45.

EMS Call Processing was at 1:43, Arrival on scene at 8:04.

Of the 19 calls in District 5, 14 calls were compliant to NFPA 1221, for call processing for 73.7%.

Of the 18 calls in District 5, 17 calls were compliant to Fire District 5 benchmark of 12:00 minutes for 94.4%.

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**Personnel and Training**

Training for August consisted of CAFS foam training, a combined drill with Chelan Fire for tender support of structure fire, Medical OTEP for lifting and moving patients, Officer meeting, and 24/7 Online (Portable Ground Ladder Rescues and Respiratory Protection & SCBA modules).

Our main core volunteers did a great job through the summer fires. Everyone is relieved that the season is winding down.

**Recruitment & Retention**

We have had 1 new request for joining this past month.

**Facilities and Equipment**

**E-54 Chassis** - The International chassis is going to be a good fit. I believe the dashboard has enough open space to allow all the pump panel cab-controls to be integrated in. This will be a very clean install design.

**Generator** - The S-52 generator install is complete as of today (9/7/18). Colvico has completed their work. The only thing remaining is programming the transfer switch and final testing.

**Engine-52 CAFS** - I have received an update from Tom for status. I know he is continuing to work on it. I know it is not complete.

**RiverCom**

Road work is being done on Blag Mountain. Once the road is passible the concrete footings will be poured and the pre-fan building set. Blag is the last site for upgrade this year. A RiverCom radio tech sent an update to the region for status of all radio sites. RiverCom has replaced all the repeater radios in the system. Motorola discontinued support for the radio repeaters purchased in the grant District 5 hosted in 2009. Codan won the bid for the replacements. Codan is large worldwide and relatively small in the US. Codan's equipment tested out very well, so hoping for long reliable life from those radios.

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**Prevention**

Fire Prevention and Safety grants are being awarded weekly now. Two organizations I work with have received award notices. Locally our 4-County region proposal has not been awarded yet, still time.

I have sent out a question to the other Districts in the County about their preferences for Fire Danger designation. We are currently in an Extreme designation. The Forest Service has lowered to a Very High designation. The County Commissioners resolution for the Extreme designation will expire on September 30<sup>th</sup>. We can ask the County Commissioners to take action to lower designation? Or, do nothing and allow the resolution to expire on Sept 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Assistant Chief's Report:** Assistant Chief McClellan reported that the boat launch parking lot is nearly ready to use again, so he will be trying to stir up interest in driving again.

**EMS:** Ray Eichmier reported that the Chelan EMS has permanently moved out of the District 7 station, rather than pay the demanded rent. They did some rearranging of the Physical Therapy area at the hospital to accommodate sleeping quarters for EMS staff as of July 10<sup>th</sup>. Ray is planning on sending out a large mailer to inform the public of changes to the Chelan Valley EMS program and to let them know of the partnership between them and District 5. He would like some quotes from Chief Baker to add to the flyer. Ray has been busy working on applying for grants as well. There is a need to hire a new Paramedic as one just took a job on the coast, where pay is higher.

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**Public Comment**: We are all concerned for Commissioner Brian Harris, who recently was admitted to the hospital. A card was sent around for signing. Chief Baker will visit Brian in the hospital tomorrow after the RiverCom meeting.

**Adjournment**: Having no additional business before the Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

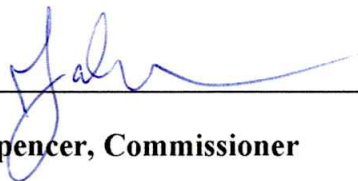
**Chelan County Fire District 5 Board of Commissioners:**



**Dan Baker, Commissioner Chairman**

Absent

**Brian Harris, Commissioner**



**John Spencer, Commissioner**



**Attest: Patty McClellan**

**District Secretary**