

**Chelan County Fire District No. 5**  
**250 West Manson Blvd.**  
**Manson, WA 98831**  
**April 9, 2019**  
**Regular Meeting of Commissioners**

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

**Others Present:** Chief Arnold Baker, District Secretary Patty McClellan, Kermit McClellan, Chris Willoughby 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; with nothing new to report the pension board closed at 4:31; regular meeting opened.

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes:** The Meeting Minutes for the Regular meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup> and the Special Meeting on March 20<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 Harris motioned to approve Voucher FD51 in the amount of \$23,758.47 and FD52 in the amount of \$1,389.31. Commissioner Spencer seconds; passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

**Company Calendar:** KOZI radio interview with Chief Baker is coming up. He intends to talk about the Community Risk Reduction (CRR) Conference and the upcoming CRR class. He will also share that the District is in the process of negotiating a contract with an architect; Rivercom intends to renew the 1/10% sales tax, rather than funding through agencies. Hose testing is scheduled for next week. The cost will be around \$4,000.

Every hose inch and half and larger will be tested. Every ladder will also be tested. Pump testing will be done in September or October, after hydro races.

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**Esign** –nothing new to report

**E54 Chassis Update** E-54 is here and working well. People are getting recertified in driving it. It has lots of power and the engine brakes really working well. Everything on the truck is really set up well. Raynor drove it to the recent Purtemann Gulch fire. Said it handled really well.

**ZBA Architect Contract:** Chief Baker sent the ZBA Contract to Brian Snure for review, who suggested some amendments to the contract. The changes have been sent to ZBA and we are still waiting to hear back from them. If they approve the changes, Brian Snure will prepare the final contract for signing.

Commissioner Baker motioned to authorize Commissioner Harris to sign the final contract once ZBA approves and Snure rewrites.

Commissioner Spencer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Prefire plans were discussed and the need to get going on that project again. Chris & Patty will get together to work on this.

**New Business:** none

**Chiefs Report:** Chief Baker reported on the CRR Conference being the first of its kind. Washington being the most represented state there. Chief Baker shared some of the ways other fire districts are implementing risk reduction such as the new stove burners, yard debris hauling, etc.

Chief Baker attended a class on vacation rentals at the conference. A community of Lake Tahoe, larger than ours with a population of approximately 8000, but with a similar vacation rental situation, has done things in their code to address some of the issues we face so we can look at that rather than “reinvent the wheel”. Chief Baker has been in discussion about this with Fire Marshall Bob Plumb.

Chief Baker learned at the WUI conference that more people need to apply for brush removal, chippers, and types of prevention measures. Those are getting funded.

**Incidents**

27 Calls for service in the month of March; 22 within Fire District 5 and 5 out of the District. Fire responded to 9 calls within District 5.

In District 5; 1 small Brush & Grass fire on Lakeshore Dr., 1 Authorized controlled burning, 7 calls to Assist EMS crew.

Out of District 5, 1 structure fire in Entiat.

EMS responded to 20 medical calls in District 5. 12 Calls EMS handled without Fire; 7 with assistance of Fire; 1 Dispatched & cancelled enroute.

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Out of District: 3 Medical calls, and 1 Dispatch & cancelled enroute.

March Call Times;

Fire Call Processing was at 0:51, Arrival on scene at 6:19.

EMS Call Processing was at 1:53, Arrival on scene at 10:45.

Of the 22 dispatches in District 5, 18 calls were compliant to NFPA 1221, for call processing for 81.8%.

Of the 21 responses in District 5, 20 calls were compliant to Fire District 5 benchmark of 12:00 minutes for 95.2%

**Personnel and Training**

March training consisted of Ice Rescue, Quarterly SCBA Drill, Firefighter 1 skills, Medical OTEP (Spinal Immobilization & Narcan modules), 24/7 Online (Care & Maintenance of Forcible Entry Tools and Cold Weather Operations modules), and an Officer meeting.

**Recruitment & Retention**

No recruit requests for application packets this past month.

**Facilities and Equipment**

The breathing air compressor was serviced this week. I told the technician that we had 2 storage tanks leaking off. They replaced the valve/relief assemblies on those tanks. The system was still leaking so they held over another day, which yielded a leak in another location, and fixed. System seems to be tight now.

I was asked by the Orondo Fire District if we would supply them air for their new Scott air packs. Then thought we have no way to fill their Cascade tanks. We can fill the individual air cylinders. I asked the MES technician for the Scott system to quote an external regulator and hose that could extend outside to a truck where a Cascade system would be located. I will keep the Commissioners apprised of that quote to decide a go/no go on the addition. Currently it is not a feature we need within District 5, the feature is an interoperable cooperative benefit with other districts in the area.

Engine-52 tires still on order. I have RiverCom meetings this week and will check to see if the tires are in and one of my meeting trips can double for tire installation.

Engine-54 – Took some drivers and went to retrieve E-54 from Cascade Fire on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Cascade did a good job and fixed every feature we had issue with on the old chassis. The

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new chassis is on point as a good clean setup, great power, easy operation, and the transmission has more features than we had planned. Taking the truck across a certified scale for licensing, we have over 2000 pounds of cushion before reaching the gross vehicle weight of 32,000.

The LED light bar is programmed so we can turn the forward facing lights off while at an accident scene on the highway. This reduces blinding glare for approaching motorists while still providing good lighting for rear approaching vehicles. The compartment lighting was converted to LED and fed with secure wiring. Now compartment lighting works. Additional ground lighting and work lighting at the back of the truck was added. A rear step to climb up on the truck was made more accessible and larger step area.

The original setup had it to fill foam concentrate we had to lift buckets on the top of the truck. The filling always had foam concentrate spilled around the top of the tank. The addition of a fill system is no lifting buckets up the truck and no spilling. The front mounted turret was a low mount that the driver couldn't see. The driver would initiate CAFS and guess where it was going to shoot. The riser for the turret is raised up so driver can see it. Cascade added a swivel so the turret can be laid down to open the hood. We have had electrical issues in other trucks where the electrical has to be unplugged each time to open the hood.

Cascade Fire's total labor with sales tax is \$35,567.27. Parts totaled \$13,120.51. Total to Cascade Fire \$48,687.78. Our January & February invoices totaled about \$20,000 in labor. This was unexpected to cost this much for deconstructing and wiring before construction. We have learned from this project to better cost out the sister truck if we should be awarded by AFG. The CAFS system on the old E-54 was the most used fire system in the District. We have now upgraded the chassis to help support that fire system. In my mind worth every penny we have invested.

### **RiverCom**

The Facilities study draft report is out. I haven't had time to digest the whole thing yet. Facility improvements are needed now, the study looked at the needs out through 20 years.

The 1/10<sup>th</sup>% sales tax will be on the ballot for August primary. The legislative issue of 2/10<sup>th</sup>% will not be decided in time. Going for the 1/10<sup>th</sup>%.

### **Prevention**

Having attended the CRR and WUI conferences was very eye opening to opportunities we can utilize here at home. Very current issues being brought out; i.e. Drones, Vacation Rentals, Residential Yard Debris, Cooking Fire Prevention, and more. I reported that I was

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teaching a Community Risk Reduction class in Wenatchee that focused on volunteers. Learned many things in this conference that help put the finishing touch on my class.

**Assistant Chief's Report:** Kermit reported that he and Beau are now certified VFIS Instructors, after attending a 2-day training in Auburn put on by VFIS. Kermit felt the class was very beneficial and a lot of focus was on the liability issues of emergency vehicles. Any driver in a vehicle that has a CCFD5 sticker on it needs to be certified to drive that vehicle, even U-51. For insurance coverage there just needs to be documentation that the driver is certified.

**EMS Report** - None


**Public Comment:** Chris Willoughby reported that the "Square" payment system is on its way, enabling the Association to take debit and credit cards for purchases.

**Adjournment:** Having no additional business before the Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 5:12

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



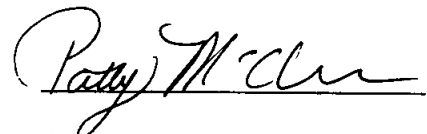
**Brian Harris, Commissioner Chairman**



**John Spencer, Commissioner**



**Dan Baker, Commissioner**



**Attest: Patty McClellan**  
**District Secretary**