

Chelan County Fire District No. 5
250 West Manson Blvd.
Manson, WA 98831
May 8, 2018
Regular Meeting of Commissioners

Commissioners Present: Dan Baker, Brian Harris, John Spencer

Others Present: Assistant Chief Kermit McClellan, Erin from Chelan Mirror, Ray Eickmeyer, Chief Arnold Baker and Karen Sargeant

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, Chief Baker reported that we had 4 people come to the office and request to join. We give them an application packet to turn back in, half came back. We don't have a problem getting people to join; they have to have some initiative to keep attending on their own. Regular meeting resumed at 4:32 p.m.

Public Comment: none

Chairman Baker took the opportunity to congratulate Karen Sargeant on completing Haz-Mat Operations certification, and then presented Karen with a \$1250 check for Awareness and Operations certifications. Karen described the testing process and gave kudos to test evaluators being professional. Karen then told the drill night practical simulation of the IFSAC test was helpful and was an actual station in the test.

Minutes: April 10th Regular Meeting Minutes were presented and reviewed. Commissioner Baker motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Commissioner Harris seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report: no questions; Chief Baker told the Board that we would be making a transfer of funds from Expense to Reserve. Our April interest has not yet been credited to the Reserve account.

Approval of Invoices: Commissioner Harris made the motion to approve vouchers FD51 in the amount of \$11,664.91 and FD52 in the amount of \$359.39 as presented. Commissioner Spencer seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

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Old Business:

Company Calendar – The next hospital board meeting is scheduled for May 22nd. Chief Baker plans on attending, Chairman Baker said that he also would like to attend. WFCFA Commissioners Conference will be held at Campbell's again, on June 2.

Generator & Building Update – Chief Baker reported that discussions are happening with Colvico, the awarded electrical contractor firm from Spokane. They were under the assumption that we had a Cummins generator; learning that we had a Kohler gen-set would give us more options for the Automatic Transfer Switch and save some money too. Clint Reid of Colvico said that he would work on a draft work agreement. Commissioners asked if Brian Ziesmer had an agreement template, Chief Baker would check.

Chairman Baker contacted Steele erectors to invite them to get on our small works roster. We have had no response to those invitations. Commissioners discussed that we will have much better availability of vendors if we went with a standard pole building (wood post & frame with metal siding & roof). The pole buildings can be brought up to essential building standards with heavier trusses and posts. These companies have their own architect on staff for design and blueprint for the building permit application. Chairman Baker would finalize a drawing to be part of the bid packet. Chief Baker would get the packet together and advertise for bids.

American Flag For Station-52 – Chief Baker discussed some issues that came up with placing a flag over the door of Station-52. An easier mount would be to do an outrigger mount to the steel I-beam between the bay doors of Engine-52 and Tender-52. The beam is 4" by 8" and the mount is 4 bolts with an exterior plate and an interior plate clamping around the I-beam. Another option is to have an identical mount on the other side of the station. Price from Carrot-Top Industries for a single 12' flagpole, outrigger mount, 4' x 6' flag and freight is \$1935.24. Doing a second flag & mount would be the same freight, a \$100 off each mount kit totaled \$3194.29. Commissioners' consensus was to do a single flag.

Training Property: - Chairman Baker and Chief Baker had a discussion with Larry Day, realtor from Coldwell Banker, with options that would work for the Fire District to acquire surrounding property. Larry would be in discussion with Morgan Picton, representing Orn Miller. We were hoping to have a proposal to discuss by this meeting, but no proposal had been presented.

E-Sign – Chief Baker said that our best option before going any further with a sign was to come to an agreement with Charlie & Lacey Lybecker of Cairdeas Winery. The agreement should cover use of their property for our sign and cost to install power to the sign. Commissioners agreed.

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New Business:

Resolution 2018-08 - Out of District Fire Protection: Commissioners had reviewed the resolution. A question was asked about motor vehicle accidents? Chief Baker explained that if a vehicle accident ended up on an unprotected land and that cost were assumed for mitigating that accident, this would allow for the cost recovery.

Airbase Information: US Forest Service sent Chief Baker a list of helicopters that would be on contract at Wenatchee for the summer of 2018. The list includes type 3 observation aircraft, type 2 & type 1 water dropping aircraft. The Forest Service will pay the daily rate for the aircraft availability; if the Fire District needed an aircraft we would only assume the hourly rate. Our policy that the District made last year is that an Officer could order an aircraft for an incident that met criteria. The Officer had authority to spend \$35,000. To go beyond that it would take an emergency meeting authority of the Commissioners. Chief Baker explained the discussion presented to the Officers was order the aircraft to get fire control time expediently and call the Commissioners and let them control the costs.

Chiefs Report:

Incidents

36 Calls for service in the month of March; 33 within Fire District 5 and 3 out of the District. Fire responded to 16 calls; 1 Unauthorized burning, 1 Illegal Trash fire, 1 Natural Vegetation fire, 2 Cultivated vegetation fire, 2 Cultivated orchard fires, 1 watercraft accident, 1 powerline down due to limb falling on a power line, 1 No incident found on arrival, 6 calls to Assist EMS crew.

EMS responded to 23 medical calls in District 5 (6 of these with assistance of Fire); 2 of the medical calls were initiated by accidental pendant button push. 3 medical calls out of District 5.

March Call Times;

Fire Call Processing was at 6:45, Arrival on scene at 15:42.

EMS Call Processing was at 1:26, Arrival on scene at 8:48.

Of the 33 calls in District 5, 23 calls were compliant to NFPA 1221, for call processing.

Of the 33 calls in District 5, 29 calls were compliant to Fire District 5 benchmark of 12:00 minutes.

Note: The extended fire call processing and response times this month was due to a high percentage of non-emergent smoke complaints. Those complaints usually take longer to establish an address before resources can be dispatched.

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Personnel and Training

Training in April consisted of Wildland Refresher classroom and a Wildland Refresher Live Burn. This live burn exercise tied in planning, 5 of our new recruits getting their field exercise, fire behavior and the emphasis point this year of “Heads Up Firefighting”. This “heads up” is having someone as a look out to monitor weather and smoke conditions. Other training included medical OTEP, officer meeting and 24/7 Online modules of Rapid Intervention Crew and Building Construction.

Recruitment & Retention

We have had 4 people ask to join the Fire District this month. 2 have turned in paperwork and 2 have yet to turn it in.

Facilities and Equipment

I have not had opportunity to get further on Engine-52’s CAFS system this month. I have communicated with factory reps that have helped troubleshoot.

An update on the International chassis is they are beginning the build in the last week of May. It could be last week of June to get the chassis delivered to Yakima.

RiverCom:

I was in Baltimore during the RiverCom Board meeting, I called in. The only issues of interest are doing some financial planning with the sales tax 1/10th percent expiring at the end of 2019. Start running projections to prepare taking this back to the voters in 2019. RiverCom has an RFQ for facilities needs in consideration of space available at the Confluence Technology Center.

Prevention

Committees are being organized of Wildland Urban Interface Code amendments for Chelan County. I have interest in the residential landscaping amendment. Believe this is the most critical to protecting structures.

The Fire Advisory Board has completed comments on Code 7.52 Fire Hazard Areas. Bob Plumb had the Prosecutors Office review and prepare a resolution for the County Commissioners. A Hearing is set for May 22nd; Commissioners can take action after the hearing.

Chief Baker asked the Commissioners to have a Board Workshop later this month. With consideration of potential property acquisition at the Wapato Lake Rd station, setting priorities and objectives for what would happen on that property. Commissioners agreed that May 22nd at 4:30 p.m. Station-51.

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Assistant Chief's Report: Assistant Chief McClellan reported that he messaged people that wanted to drive to contact him. That was a little overwhelming for a while. Several people wanted to get driving certification. AC McClellan said he has been waiting for the PUD to finish at the boat launch to be able to get back on that course. The boat launch is supposed to open on Thursday this week.

EMS: Ray Eickmeyer, EMS Director from the Hospital reported that the Board is seeking interest to fill a vacancy due to the loss of Tom Warren. The Board hopes to appoint someone in the May meeting.

The Hospital has had a delay on the USDA loan which is critical to continue with the construction process. After more discussion it was recommended to Ray to contact Representative Mike Steele so that he could be aware of the delays.

Ray explained that one ambulance was down for maintenance having a lot of front end work done. The passenger van is down for maintenance and is hampering the Hospital's ride program.

A new paramedic was hired today with 9 years of experience in the Prosser area, Brandon Fogleson.

Ray applied for the Community Foundation Endowment Grant on behalf of the Regional EMS Council. The endowment would enable to fund Dr Jobe and the QI position without having to charge user fees from each agency. He hoped to know by late summer if they would be awarded.

The Hospital is moving forward with the Community Paramedicine program. There are about 1000 people in the valley on Medicare that are higher risk of needing an EMS call and a trip to the Emergency Room that with the Community Paramedic could get that care at home. The financial benefit to the patient and reduced cost of the emergency call benefit everyone.

The Hospital is partnering with a former paramedic in Chelan, Jen Foreman and the Manson School District in training for active shooter. This training is focused at teachers to apply tourniquets in the time before EMS is able to provide treatment.

EMS is KPI training (Key Performance Indicators) that train to goal oriented tasks that have the greatest impact on patient outcome.

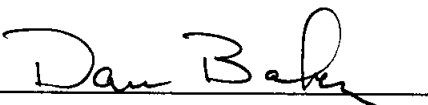
Regional EMS Council will be having their awards program later this month. A great opportunity to honor people in our EMS system doing good work.

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Adjournment: Having no additional business before the Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

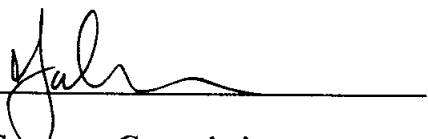
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Dan Baker, Commissioner Chairman



Brian Harris, Commissioner



John Spencer, Commissioner



attest: Arnold Baker, Chief