Chelan County Fire Protection District No. 5

Special Meeting of Commissioners
Hosted by Chelan Fire & Rescue
232 E. Wapato, Chelan WA
Wednesday June 11, 2025 @ 3:00 pm

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Commissioners Present: Fred Weiss, Chris Willoughby and Dan Baker.
Chelan Fire & Rescue: Russ Jones, Mark Donnell and Ron Simmons.

Others Present: Chief Arnold Baker, District Secretary Reggie Trusel, Lieutenant/Training Officer Raynor Baker, Senior Officer Firefighter Kermit McClellan, Chelan Fire & Rescue: Chief Brandon Asher, Assistant Fire Chief Shawn Sherman, District Secretary Misty Fifield, Administrative Assistant Karla Mendoza.

Call to Order: Chairman Donnell called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Chelan Fire & Rescue and Chelan County Fire District #5

Topic: Marine Emergency in Manson.

- Boat 72
  - Commissioner Jones: Attorney Eric Quinn is working on a draft proposal.
  - Commissioner Weiss: Asked what size pump and capability.
  - Commissioner Jones: Can shoot water up to100' with 200 gallon per minute.
  - Commissioner Baker: Asked age of the boat.
  - Commissioner Jones: 10 years.
  - Com. Jones: Noted they would like to add a larger size pump, cost estimate would be around $30,000.
  - Chief Asher: Current Boat 71 is a lower boat conducive for water rescue. Boat 72 has more open space and would work to hold a water supply source. A possible DRN Grant could help provide a higher capacity pump.
  - Com. Weiss: There were shoreline fires in the past where roads were not accessible for Fire trucks.
  - Com. Jones: Noted training will be with himself and Tim Sullivan.
  - Com. Weiss using a taller boat might be a little harder to pull someone out of the water
  - Chief Asher: Responders will have to be capable and using the back of the boat will be easier.
  - Chief Baker: We are using the Fortuna currently and it works well, and could be towed behind another boat. Locations with difficult truck access like Emmerson Acres would benefit.
  - Com. Baker asked if we have a spot to store the boat -off season.
  - Chief Baker: The boat would be moored at the Manson Boat dock next to Sheriffs boat and could keep the trailer nearby.

- Commissioner Weiss: He could inquire at the Manson Boat Club, as there are locked/fenced areas to keep the boat trailer.
- Commissioner Willoughby: Most storage areas are kept with a code lock and not key lock.
- Commissioner Donell: Important to have a consistent policy for training with current standards.
- Asst. Chief Sherman: Suggested keeping the Marine-program the same for both Boat 71 and Boat 72.
- Lt. Raynor Baker: Manson Department currently has three people singed up for the Rescue Swimmers course.
- Asst. Chief Sherman: Two person minimum staff would be required.
- Com. Donnell: Asked how we would determine how fuel expense is covered/split.
- Asst. Chief Sherman: Suggested whoever is operating the boat would be responsible for re-fueling the boat and a driving/fuel log would be kept.
- Chief Baker: Noted there are non-ethanol fuel accessible in Manson town.
- Com. Weiss: Asked about equipment that was removed and now will have to be put back.
- Com. Jones: The boat has some equipment; marine radio, pump and torrent.
- Asst. Chief Sherman: The Pasco Fire Department/City Council agreed to remove the off the boat and hoses.
- Com. Donnell: Advised he was not aware the pump/hoses had been removed.
- Com. Jones asked if they received a credit for those items being removed.
- Asst. Chief Sherman-noted no, there was not credit given.
  He advised the Boards, they took the pump from Boat 71 and put on Boat 72 and assigned a radio. Items needed are a drafting hose and two headsets.
- Com. Weiss: Sounds like a "gentleman's agreement" rather than something in writing. He asked if they were happy with the purchase.
- Com. Jones indicated they were able to purchase an expensive boat for minimal cost.
- Chief Asher: Added it is a great back up to Boat 71, especially if one has to go up lake. Boat 72 is a better boat for mobilization.
- Com. Weiss: Asked if Boat 72 has been taken out on a rough day.
- Asst. Chief Sherman: Not a lot of vessels are able to turn on rough waters.
- Com. Donnell: Asked if the Boat has been added to insurance policy.
- Asst. Chief Sherman: Noted yes under existing policy.
  He suggested every boat operator would have a minimum of six pilot training hours and an additional three hours of equipment training. There will be a two-year refresher training required as well. Requirements: Staff will need to manage operations, pump along with obtaining a current boater card and able to manage boat in rough waters.
- Commissioner Simmons: Stipulated a new Boat policy would need to be approved by both Manson Fire Dept and Chelan Fire & Rescue.
- Asst. Chief Sherman: Noted CFR only installs code-locks.

- Commissioner Donnell: There is a short timeline to put everything together. Big training push to get this operational. Waiting now for a training plan, and policy, so it is clear as to what is required.
- Asst. Chief Sherman: There is an Interlocal Agreement drafted, and Attorney Quinn is reviewing and will send back with changes.
- Commissioner Donnell: Both Boards will need to review the agreement and approve. The training plan can be lined up now.
- Commissioner Jones: He will start with training.
- Lt. Baker: June 28th is the date for swim test, classroom and general orientation. He suggested getting everything coordinated once the agreement has been hashed through.
- Com. Weiss: Asked what the moorage fees would costs.
  He summarized today's meeting takeaway:
  1. Get local agreement reviewed and approved.
  2. Policy written to cover all boat operational standards.
  3. Training Plan
- Commissioner Donnell: Put Boat 72 into service and obtain viable operators.
- Commissioner Baker: Asked about reviewing Boat policy on an annual basis.
- Com. Donnell: Suggested looking into historical background as to lake fueling stations.

Adjournment: Board Chairman Donnell closed the workshop meeting with no additional business before the Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 3:39 pm.

Chelan County Fire District 5 Board of Commissioners:

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Commissioner Chairman Chris Willoughby

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Commissioner Fred Weiss

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Commissioner Dan Baker

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Attest: Regenia Trusel
District Secretary