Chelan County Fire District No. 5
250 West Manson Blvd.
Manson, WA 98831
July 10, 2024
Regular Meeting of Commissioners

Commissioners Present: Fred Weiss, Chris Willoughby, and Dan Baker (attended by zoom).

Others Present: Chief Arnold Baker, Lieutenant Beau Alanis, Lieutenant Training Officer Raynor Baker, Denise Brooks - Nicholson Insurance agent.

Call to Order: Chairman Weiss called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The Flag salute commenced.

Pension Board: Opened: 4:30 pm Closed: 4:30 pm.

Public Comment:

Minutes: Minutes for 6/12/24 Regular meeting and 6/19/24 Special meeting were not available. Added to agenda of the August Regular meeting.

Financial Report: No financial information was available for this meeting.

Approval of Invoices: Vouchers were not available for this meeting. Board members will review the voucher list when available and sign. The motion to approve the July vouchers will wait till August Regular meeting.

New Business: None

Old Business:

- **Volunteer At Will-** Chief Baker advised that many of the Volunteer group have signed the "At Will Agreement". Additionally, the Volunteer Group signed an Memorandum of Understanding for the use of iSpyFire.

- **Station 52:** Training Center
  Chief Baker updated the Board:

  Paul Coppock assisted in filing the foundation permit. Kevin Shaw provided the County with all the calculations for his engineering. Permit should be forth coming. Still working on the general contractor deal.

  John from Haley-Aldrich forwarded an email from Ecology that archeological survey was not requested by any Tribe. Ecology has given permission to begin site work with an Inadvertent Discovery reporting condition. Haley-

Aldrich was arranged with JR Cooper from Batchelor Excavation to dig test holes on July 18th.

The Fire District has an agreement with the Pioneer Fire strike team to use our irrigation water turnout to fill water tenders. The Fire District provided gravel on the edge of the road to protect the road. The team will pay the Fire District $100 per day through the season.

- **Company Calendar:** Chief Baker went over the scheduled meetings for the upcoming month.
  - 7/11/24 at 11:00, Casino annual fire inspection
  - 7/11/24 at 18:30, Republican Women at WineGirl Wines
  - 7/12/24 at 8:10, KOZI Radio in studio
  - 7/12/24 at 10:00, Cooperator meeting with the Pioneer Fire team (every Monday & Friday)

- **Emergency Reporting/ First Due**
  Chief Baker presented that Emergency Reporting is due at the end of the year, but more important, the company was sold to ESO. The agencies that made the move to ESO have been frustrated with poor tech support. The proposal from First Due is a little higher than Emergency Reporting, and a one-time set up fee of $2100. The complete proposal from First Due is $6700. *Motion from Commissioner Willoughby to accept the First Due proposal, seconded by Commissioner Baker, motion passed.*

- **Fire Engineering/Vector Solutions**
  Lt-Training Officer Baker presented a proposal from Fire Engineering. The current online training provider, Vector Solutions has had some harsh feedback from firefighters as HR and HazMat have training courses that are not relevant. Fire Engineering proposal has the same cost per student. The higher price is getting all our personnel involved in the online training. Chief Baker added that Fire Engineering has an agreement with First Due so completed classes would automatically port into the training file. Fire Engineering waved the setup fee. *Motion by Commissioner Baker to accept the proposal from Fire Engineering for $3355 that included 40 personnel, seconded by Commissioner Willoughby, motion passed.*

- **SimsUShare**
  Lt-Training Officer Baker presented the SimsUShare program. SimsUShare is a training program that allows you to add smoke & flame effects to photos and video. The benefit is that the Fire District can add these effects to pictures of our buildings in the District. Train on our own buildings. *Commissioner Baker asked*

if we could hold on making a decision on this proposal for a month.

- **Levy Workshop:**
  Discussion about ballots out July 19th. Levy Workshop July 17th at 4:30pm.

EMS Report: None

Assistant Chief's Report: None

Training Coordinator Report: Raynor Baker
Lt-Training Officer Baker reported that Fire District 5 is using the WEMSIS reporting program for medical reports. The WEMSIS program is free to use. Doing WEMSIS for the small amount of medical reports per year saved having to add the First Due Medical Reports module.

Chiefs Report:
***Additional Discussion for Chiefs Report**

- Incidents
- Personnel and Training:
- Recruitment & Retention
- Facilities and Equipment:
- Prevention:
- Pioneer Fire Update: Chief Baker reported that since the fire was progressing down lake, signing into the Delegation of Authority was inevitable.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Commissioner Weiss closed the meeting with no additional business before the Commissioners; the meeting adjourned 5:11 pm.

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Commissioner Fred Weiss

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Commissioner Chris Willoughby

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Commissioner Dan Baker **Attest: Arnold Baker, Chief**

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Chiefs Report **July 10, 2024**

Incidents

Not able to complete this week.

Personnel and Training

Training for the month of June consisted of;
6/4 Tender water shuttle with porta-tank – 16 attended
6/11 2015 Twist River fire review with Rusty Stamps & Flagger Training (Kerm) – 13 attended
6/17 OTEP: Dropping into wave form basics – 11 attended
6/18 Make up for requirements – 14 attended
6/24 Officer meeting – 6 attended
6/25 Progressive hose lay – 14 attended
6/29 Boat operator course – 6 attended

Facilities and Equipment

Chelan County CPIF Grant for the Training Center – Paul Coppock assisted in filing the foundation permit. Kevin Shaw provided the County with all the calculations for his engineering. Permit should be forth coming. Still working on the general contractor deal.
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DNR Grant Truck – No news to update

Truck Maintenance – Maintenance is going well, Jason is doing good work. Aaron keeps him updated with our needs.

RiverCom

Property purchase is moving forward. RiverCom Board accepted the seller's counteroffer.

I emailed Josh, our lead radio tech, about getting the Pioneer radio group programmed into our radios. He replied in about 10 minutes. Where are you going to be in an hour? Josh came up to program the officer's radios during drill last night. And happy to do so.

Prevention

Fire Danger designation was moved to Very High. Expecting Extreme in the next couple weeks. I support banning campfires soon. The region has had many careless campfires, and I feel it is time to limit exposure by allowing them.

Pioneer Fire

I connected with the first Incident Management Team (IMT) when they arrived. I have stayed connected to the teams since. A week ago, the Operations said it was unlikely that the fire would come to Manson. The fire behavior model gave it 5% chance. I'm not as trusting in the model, believe we should plan as if we knew it was coming to the District.

The DNR representative, Larry Leach, suggested to Paul Willard, District Ranger, to get Fire Districts 5 & 10 (Stehekin) signed into the Delegation of Authority. Paul said he would call me when that was ready. Imagine they will present the document on the Friday morning at the Cooperators meeting.

Larry Leach supported getting a structural strike team for Manson, pre-State Mobilization. The strike team is made up 4 Chelan County trucks and 1 Moses lake truck. The intent there is to use local region folks to get them acquainted with the roads in our District. The Structure Group leader is Cody Acord, Fire Chief from Okanogan 6 in Twisp/Winthrop. Cody's previous career was with the DNR, good wildland experience.

As previously mentioned in the RiverCom section, radio channel cloning has been done. Communications are prepared for a cohesive plan between District 5, Chelan/Douglas mutual aid resources, and the IMT's resources. We were not able to do this step in 2002 during the Deer Point fire.

I have taken the pre-fire data work we had Wayne working on 2020 thru 2023, and submitted that to the team. This gives them over 200 homes with pre-fire planning. Wayne is willing to jump back in a fill in what is missing. Makes a great database. I took the Lat & long data out of the Excel doc and dumped into a free online mapping program, instant pin map of the homes in the system.

July 2024 CURRENT CERTIFICATION REPORT

(Completed 7/6/2024)

TITLE	IFSAC CERTS	Medical	NWCG	2024 GOAL
Firefighter 1	9			6
Firefighter 2	7			2
Officer 1	4			3
Officer 2	2			2
Instructor 1	8			6
Instructor 2	1			0
Hazmat Operations	12			6
Wildland FFT2			16	8
Wildland FFT1			4	2
Engine Boss			2	2
Tender Driver			5	
EMT		11		1
EMT Instructor/Evaluator		2		2
Fire Inspector 1	1			

Number of Interior Firefighters = 31

Number of Driver Operators = 5

Number Support Personnel = 6

Number of members on Leave = 1

Total Number of Chelan Fire District #5 Personnel = 43 members

Number of Junior Firefighters = 6

CURRENT TRAINING REPORT

Training Review

In June we again had good turnout for drill. June 4th, we did the tender water shuttle drill with the porta-tank and had 16 firefighters attend. We kept a solid stream for the majority of the drill. This drill taught pumping, driving and working efficiently. June 11th, we had Rusty Stamps come and talk about the 2015 Twisp River Fire and some of the lessons learned. We also covered Flagging Safety at this drill and had 13 firefighters attend. June 17th was our OTEP drill for EMTs where we covered “Dropping the waveform basics” covering COPD and CPAP. We had 11 EMTs attend this drill. June

18th was make-up training night. Firefighters made up required training they had missed for the quarter and also completed truck checks. We had 14 firefighters attend. June 25th, we practiced wildland progressive hose lays. This drill we had 14 firefighters attend.

June 29th, we held the first boat operators' course. This was a full day course that started with some PowerPoint explaining the boat and the different operations the boat may be called upon. We then got some hands on the boat and equipment followed by a swim test. After the swim test the rest of the day was spent on the water first getting familiar with the boat and them moving into different maneuvers and operations. Chris Willoughby and myself taught the course and we had 4 firefighters complete the training. Chris Ghioni, Doug Pinski, Lou Hazim, and Brian Maas. We are planning a second course July 27th for people interested in being boat operators who couldn't attend the first course. The boat operators' course is technical rescue that requires specialty training. This is the reason for the dedicated course. Our August 6th drill is our annual summer water rescue where we will incorporate the boat to our existing water rescue operations with the Fortune blending the two together.

As of today, we have 17 firefighters who have received their Wildland Red Card. This is up 5 firefighters from last month with those 5 either completing their make-up training or their initial wildland training. Last year we had a total of 19 red carded firefighters (the most ever). I am hoping we can still improve from 17, especially with a fire burning in our back yard.

Doug Pinski's EMT is approved online by the WA DOH but he is still waiting for his official card in the mail.

I got us signed up for WEMSIS the free state platform for EMS reports. I was able to get us signed up and trained our member at OTEP to the use of this for our EMS reports. Currently Emergency Reporting isn't reporting to the State so switching over gets us in compliance. This change for most of the EMT's is an easy one as it is the same system EMS uses and is easier to operate than the Emergency Reporting EMS report. This will also assist us if and when we switch to First Due for our fire reports that we won't have to pay for the EMS module.

Over the past couple months, I have been putting in time looking at other online training platforms to compare to Vector Solutions we currently use. At the June Officer drill, we decided to switch to Fire Engineering Online Training platform. Fire Engineering is the same company as the magazine that has been around for a long time. Their training platform will be more up to date and I think provide our firefighters with better content. They are giving us the rest of this year for free to get our feet wet and set up with the goal to go live to the department in January. There should be a quote to look over for this.

Testing:

Summer is a difficult time for testing with so much going on but I am looking at both opportunities in the region and the west side to get testing for our firefighters.

Online Training (Vector Solutions):

New Recruits Training modules consist of 33 modules: With our new firefighters added we now have 11 members assigned and 7 out of 363 completed. For an .02% completion rate. These new

members have been working on their initial wildland courses first due to the time of the year, as to why these training aren't currently getting completed.

"New Recruit" training is broken into two categories. First, they complete their NFPA required training to be able to enter a structure fire which is usually followed up with some hands on if they haven't already received that on a drill night. Second, they complete their right-to-know Human resource courses. They are also given NWCG courses to complete for their wildland FF2 as well as First Aid and CPR Training.

Vector Solutions quarterly training modules are assigned to boost our training hours and meet the WAC requirements outside our drill nights as well as give the required training hours for other requirement we aren't able to hit strictly with Tuesday nights.

Currently for the 1st quarter assignments we have 22 members assigned and there are 4 training modules. Currently we have 60 modules completed out of 88 assigned for a completion rate of 68%. This is up 9% from last month.

2nd Quarter we have 25 members assigned the quarterly training modules. For 2nd quarter there are 4 modules assigned. We have 38 modules complete out of 100 for a completion rate of 38%. This is up 13% from last month.

3rd Quarter started July 1st. 3rd quarter has 3 modules assigned to 25 members.

One-on-ones: In June

June 11th: Driver sign-off for Chris Ghioni on Engine 54 – 2 hours

June 20th: Physical make-up and practice shelter deployment for Randy Goebel – 1 hour

June 21st: Practice shelter deployment for Micah Peterson – 1 hour

June 28th: Driver training on Engine 52 with Doug Pinski – 3 hours

Training Calendar:

July 2nd: Association meeting, quarterly SCBA, quarterly SCBA proficiency and quarterly HP CPR

July 9th: Hydrant-pump-attack

July 15th: OTEP 2023 module "Medical directors vs EMS epic panel battle"

July 16th: Wildland Structure Triage

July 22nd: Officer Meeting

July 23rd: Low angle rope

July 27th: Boat Operators Course

July 30th: Hydrant-pump-attack

Recruitment & Retention:

We had 2 new firefighters join this last month Nathan McDowell and Anthony Frigerio. Nathan has already turned his paperwork back in and has attend a couple drills. Anthony is hopefully not to far behind.