

Chelan County Fire District No. 5
250 West Manson Blvd.
Manson, WA 98831
May 11, 2021
Regular Meeting of Commissioners

Commissioners Present: Dan Baker and Fred Weiss.

Others Present: Chief Arnold Baker, District Secretary Reggie Trusel, Training Officer Karen Sargeant.

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

Pension Board: Opened: 4:30pm. Chief Baker announced, no business for Pension Board.
Closed: 4:30 pm

Public Comment: Commissioner Weiss shared a message from Chelan 7 Commissioner Karyl Oules, she will not be attending because of conflict of interest.

Minutes: The Meeting Minutes for the Regular meeting on April 13th and April 14th were presented, Commissioner Baker, Motioned to approve both April 13th & April 14th Minutes, Commissioner Weiss seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report: Commissioner Weiss commented-the property tax collected thus far for 2021 has exceeded last year by \$43,000.00. Recommendation was made by Chief Baker to transfer \$200,000.00 from our Expense account to Investment account. Commissioner Baker, Motioned to approve funds transfer of \$200,000.00 from Expense account to Investment account, Commissioner Weiss seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Invoices: Commissioner Baker, Motioned to affirm Voucher FD51 in the amount of \$11,476.96, FD52 in the amount of \$735.12 and FD53 in the amount of \$32,188.86, Commissioner Weiss seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

New Business: None

Old Business:

- **Company Calendar –**
Chief Baker confirmed Open Burning is allowed until May 31st.
Training Officer Karen Sargeant commented the annual Fire School classes are starting up in Wenatchee between May 21-23. 250 people are currently signed up. She commented the classes filled up in less than a day. The Fire School opened up a few additional classes due to class demand. The DNR Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz will be the keynote speaker.

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- **Station 52 Bay Addition - Update**
Cascade Central Construction has started construction on the new Bay addition to Station 52. Chief Baker confirmed the stem walls are up, Rusty Construction Foreman, will start “back filling” to prep for foundation slab. Concrete will need to set for 3-4 days. This Thursday will be the underground electrical installation and will require ST52 to shut off power for a few hours. Chief Baker has alerted EMS so they will be aware. The Chief is pleased how things are moving along.
- **Station 52 Irrigation** – New irrigation meter has been installed. Water was hooked up for construction crew to use as needed.
- **Pre-Fire Plans-** We have received only one Fact Sheet from a local downtown business. Wildfire Awareness: Chief Baker will be ready to take appointments using the newer program @ Mobile Mapping. Agencies will be able to share the program and access data as needed.
- **Policies – Surplus Property**
New policy established by Snure Law Offices. Chief Baker announced our District will have two items to list for Sale: 1971 Seagrave Fire Engine and an Electric Manlift. We are unable to use the manlift due to Station 52 flooring drop. The new policy explains Surplus sale protocol. Commissioner Baker, Motioned to adopt the Surplus Property Policy into our Districts policies, Commissioner Weiss seconded, Motion passed unanimously.
Chief Baker explained the District Secretary will prepare the Surplus Resolution document and have ready for Commissioner signatures. Commissioner Baker, Motion to declare both items (Seagrave Fire Engine and Manlift) for surplus, Commissioner Weiss seconded, Motion passed unanimously. The Chief suggested, if the items do not sell, we have the option to list on the Counties Annual Surplus Auction site. Our plan is to advertise with the Wenatchee World newspaper.

EMS Report: None

Training Officer Report: Karen Sargeant

***Additional Discussion**

Karen indicated Dale Hille frequently announces upcoming testing for IFSAC. There will be scheduled dates for the Practical and Written test coming up for this fall.

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Assistant Chief's Report: Kermit McClellan-None

Chief Baker stated, Aaron Richmond completed his driving test on E-54, and Mike Knott is getting close to E-51.

Chiefs Report:

***Additional Discussion for Chiefs Report**

- **Personnel and Training:** Wapato Point had one last building scheduled for demolition and asked if our department would like to use it for a non-fire training. Chief Baker was thrilled to give the opportunity to our volunteers on Monday, May 10th evening drill. The Chief noted they worked primarily on Tower-51, training on the roof. Cutting between rafters and practiced using the saws. The Chief explained how they created ventilation using the wind in their favor. He reiterated what an “exceptional training opportunity” it was.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Commissioner Wiess closed the meeting with no additional business before the Commissioners, the meeting adjourned 5:15 pm.

Chelan County Fire District 5 Board of Commissioners:

Commissioner Chairman Dana Starkweather

Commissioner Fred Weiss

Commissioner Dan Baker

Attest: Regenia Trusel
District Secretary



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Chiefs Report

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Incidents

43 Calls for service in the month of April; 29 within Fire District 5 and 14 out of the District. Fire responded to 8 calls within District 5, 1 mutual aid brush fire in District 7.

In District 5; 1 grass fire, 3 calls to Authorized burning from complaints, 1 Alarm system activation-no fire, 1 residential smoke alarm- no fire, 1 passenger vehicle fire, 1 Motor vehicle accident with no injuries, 6 assist EMS and 1 water rescue from a capsized kayak.

Out of District 5; 1 Brush-grass fire on the Butte.

EMS responded to 1 MVA with no injuries, 1 water rescue from a capsized kayak, 20 medical calls in District 5. 14 Calls EMS handled without Fire, and 6 with assistance of Fire.

Out of District 5; 6 Medical calls, 2 MVAs with injuries and 5 Dispatched & cancelled enroute

April Call Times;

Fire Call Processing was at 1:06, Arrival on scene at 12:16.

EMS Call Processing was at 1:43, Arrival on scene at 8:49.

Of the 29 dispatches in District 5, 23 calls were compliant to NFPA 1221, for call processing for 79.3%.

Of the 29 responses in District 5, 26 calls were compliant to Fire District 5 benchmark of 12:00 minutes for 89.7%.

Personnel and Training

We cancelled drill on April 5th due to Reggie's mom passing. Other training in April included a 14 acre wildland live burn above Wapato Lake Rd, more sessions of Wildland Refresher, Medical OTEP (Stroke module), Driving, Pump Ops, and a structure live fire training.

We have a unique opportunity on Monday, May 10th to use Tower-51 on the last structure in Wapato Point's Ellowee area. The structure is an 8 unit building. We are cleared for none fire training. We will use the Tower to cut roof ventilation holes from the safety of the truck. We also at the same time will be simulating an attack with hose lines. I will use the smoke machine to make a visual of clearing smoke through vertical ventilation while attacking a fire. (The water we use in the building will assist in dust abatement for the demolition contractor)

Recruitment & Retention

We have a new member, Jeffrey England. Jeff took the EMT course at Wenatchee Valley College. He needs an agency affiliation to get his State certification and ongoing training. Jeff's interest is to have EMT training and certification while attending many school sporting events. He will also a volunteer is our EMS response team.

Facilities and Equipment

Building Addition – We are under construction as of April 27th. Cascade Central's crew is on site nearly daily. Concrete work is the current phase.

Surplus Equipment – Now having a Surplus Property Policy, I would recommend to surplus the 1971 Seagrave fire truck and the manlift. We will advertise in accordance with the policy, receive bids for the June Board meeting.

RiverCom

It is painfully obvious that the users of RiverCom each have different expectations of the Shared Funding Program. The last Board meeting had a lot of good discussion, but no progress. I have suggested going back to square 1 and goal setting.

Our onsite coaching consultant is making a lot of changes in the organization to help iron out differences between administration and staff to build the teamwork needed.

Prevention

Pre-fire Plans – No more plans have been returned. Will nudge those businesses this month, to see if they need assistance.

Wildfire Ready is a little over half over. The plan was to run it 6 weeks. We have had a total of 4 requests. 3 of those request for a home assessment came for homes not in the wildfire area. 1 home with legitimate wildfire risk. I am trying to wrap those up on May 12th. A homeowner asked for June as they live outside of the area.

Mobile Mapping - We started a project by participating with Chelan County Fire District 1's grant for County wide home assessments called Mobile Mapping. The project went on hold for the Covid year and is ready to re-launch on May 11th with a training session. The Mobile Mapping and the Wildfire Ready will crossover the data as the programs are similar.

MAY TRAINING REPORT

(Completed 5/7/2021)

TITLE	IFSAC	2021 GOAL	NFPA NON-CERTIFIED	NWCG	MEDICAL
Firefighter 1	6	8	1		
Firefighter 2	7	7	1		
Hazmat Operations	11	15	1		
Officer 1	2	2			
Officer 2	1	1			
Instructor 1	7	7		1	
Instructor 2	0	1			
Wildland FFT2		8		7	
Wildland FFT1		7		5	
Engine Boss		2		2	
EMT		12			11
EMT Instructor/Evaluator		2			2
Fire Inspector 1	1	1			
Public Information Officer				1	

Red = New Certifications

Number of Chelan Fire District #5 Firefighters = 30

TESTING

I am anticipating that there will be open written testing coming up in the Fall. I am also anticipating that there will be Firefighter 1 and HazMat Awareness/Operations written and practical tests coming up in the Fall of this year. I review the Daily Dispatch, (the weekday newsletter put out jointly by the Western Fire Chiefs Association & the Washington Fire Chiefs Association), for future class dates or just future testing opportunities.

ONLINE TRAINING

Using the firefighters' individual training plans to establish training goals, I have sorted each firefighter into groups for assigning Vector Solutions online training modules. For the group assignments, please refer to the document that I have attached to this report. Remember that these modules are being used as a supplement to assist personnel to prepare for

the IFSAC written tests for Firefighter 1, HazMat Awareness/Operations, Officer 1, Officer 2 and Apparatus Driver/Operator. At this time, there are no personnel prepping for Firefighter 2 testing.

TRAINING

Both Zach Phelps and Aaron Richmond successfully completed the S-131 course offered as part of the Washington Department of Natural Resources Wildland Training Academy. Gunnar Rasmussen has successfully completed the all but one of the classes needed for wildland firefighter 2 certification. He is on track to finish the L-180 course this month. Both Brian Whitney and Travis Farrar successfully passed the practical test for IFSAC HazMat Operations certification on April 24th in Leavenworth! They will be receiving their certifications soon to make it official.

