

Spokane County Fire District #5
March 26, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Larry Wendlandt and Gary Pietz; Todd Lehman absent.

District Secretary: Carol Harrington

Guests: see attached sign in sheet. **Marcus Morgan was a guest speaker who gave a talk on the upcoming Reardan-Edwall School Bond.**

Time Meeting Began: 7:50p.m.

- **Flag Salute**
- The minutes from the March 23, 2012 Regular Meeting were reviewed. Carol made a correction and added “and equipment” after Kjelsey’s PPE and corrected a spelling error. **The minutes were then approved as presented. The minutes from the February 29, 2012 Special Meeting, March 8, 2012 Special Meeting, March 21, 2012 Special Meeting and the March 23, 2012 Special Meeting were all approved as presented.**
- **The treasury report was reviewed.** Carol read the report aloud.
- **The March bills** were reviewed. Gary made motion to accept the bills as presented; Larry seconded and **the expenses were approved as presented for \$3,564.86.**
- **Secretary’s Report:** Bob Harding record’s fees still owed to this district from July 2011. Carol has mailed Kjelsey Anderson a letter on her PPE and equipment but have not heard back. She has also mailed both Bill Leonard and Mike Pankonin thank you letters for their years of service.
- **Correspondence:** The Washington Fire Administrator’s Support Seminar is in Ocean Shores, WA April 30-May 2, 2012.
- **Fire Chief’s Report:**
 - ✓ **Recruitment:** Jim Holien will not be a volunteer due to medical restriction.
 - ✓ **Volunteer Status:** We have new signs. Larry said to go ahead and put them up. Need to know how many more volunteers are allowed; Larry said if we have spare gear you can fill it.
 - ✓ **Station Status:** Station 52 put the lights up and fixed the light in the bay. Cleaned Station 51 for the Commissioners mtg. Need fluorescent bulbs 4’ & 8’’; Larry said to go ahead and get them. Need the metal back up on outside of Station 52. The board said to get that fixed for safety.
 - ✓ **Truck/Equip. Status:** B52 needs Power Steering, Fussman put in M51 and B52 Tire on A51
 - ✓ **Training Status:** SCBA/Ladder/PPE Checks. Need Structure Gloves, 2 of each size. Need more pagers.
 - ✓ **Burn Tower Training,** Burn Tower Exercise, Had 3 Sunday trainings with 3 to 8 volunteers at each. Worked on Pump Operations. Had OTEP training.
 - ✓ **Job Descriptions** have been reviewed (St. Captain, St. Lt., Safety Lt.) all were approved by the board.
 - ✓ **AED Grant:** Carol is seeing if we can get this.
 - ✓ **Gear Grant:** Carol said the deadline is sometime in May; she is working on it.
 - ✓ **Chief’s Training:** Bonnie attended LEPC, CWPP, Lincoln County 4 Burn training, District 9 training, Commissioners Mtg., Refresher course on EMT 5 times.
 - ✓ **Newsletter for the community:** EMS Week, Wildland Week, New AFG Truck, New Chief, New Volunteers, New EMTS. She and Carol will work on this soon. The board thought it would be a good idea,

Old Business:

1. **Supply Request Bonnie:** The gloves, St. 52 light bulbs mentioned earlier – yes, the board approved those items. Water for the FF; Larry said to just find it cheap somewhere and get a pallet of it for the whole season and some Gatorade. Larry asked if the truck checks are coming up yet. Bonnie will check into that.

2. **Supply Request Carol:** Nothing at this time.
3. **Review of Policies/Procedures: Board** Will do this when the AFG grant truck business is taken care of.
4. **AFG Grant Truck: Board** \$391,000 grant to replace two trucks. Larry said we have to follow the rules of the NFPA 1901 for both a pumper and a tender. Discussed 1,000 gallons being pumped from the truck. We have to follow the grant to make sure if we are audited we got what we said we were going to get and did what we said we were going to do. Truck length was discussed. Crew cab was discussed. Larry asked Bonnie if she wanted a 2 or a 4 door cab. Bonnie said 4 door due to preparedness. She went on to explain several different scenarios where we and the residents would be better served with 4 FF enroute. Larry discussed hose reels and placements. Gary is still opposed to the 4 door cab because of our past stats not proving we will have 4 FF riding in it. He wants a 2 door so we can carry more water and so the truck can maneuver our roads and driveways better. Howard agrees with Gary. Larry said we are trying to give the FF what they want but the turning radius is a large factor. This was discussed with wheel bases and lengths. Larry said the FF did a good job visiting and checking out other trucks, but our main job is to serve and be able to get down these driveways. If we do have 4 FF, then they can take another truck and be right behind them. Why wouldn't we want another truck responding anyway? Gary said that Todd mentioned to him that there are many scenarios where you would need another truck on scene – one being needing to land a chopper for emergency transport and having to use a truck to get some FF to where they want to land the chopper. Larry said if we drop the crew cab we gain 3 feet. Larry Durham and Bill Lynch commented on the importance of maneuverability; whatever the board decides, they said they would support them. Bonnie said she sees both sides but she likes the idea that 4 FF would be packed up and ready to go; she says our crew is trained and ready. Discussion on E52 and the open rear cab followed. Larry said he thinks it is illegal to have the FF ride back there. Carol will check on this. Larry said in lieu of the information regarding liability on a fire commissioner and my personal property, my decision is to go with the 2 door. I have done all I can to meet 1901 standards and serve this community; I base my decision on maneuverability. **Gary made a motion to send specs out for a 2 door cab with the hose reel on top and other specs as discussed in prior truck meetings; Larry seconded and the motion passed.** Scott said that they are all going to get together on Friday regarding the truck; can the board members attend that meeting with the decision they have made tonight? Larry said yes.
5. **New Coats/Hats for Volunteers: Larry/Bonnie** Bonnie said she has not gotten prices yet. Larry said he is not worried about it at this time. Bonnie said she will get prices as it was originally brought up by Larry to get the FF something.
6. **Cindy Date:** Gary asked Bonnie if she had spoken with her. Bonnie has not heard from Cindy. Gary would like a letter sent to her asking her to turn in all her gear and equipment to avoid legal action. Carol will get on that.

New Business:

1. **Emergency Reporting System: Board** Larry and Gary thought Todd should be here before they approve a motion to go with this system. Gary does like the system and thinks it will be much more user-friendly.
2. **Noxious Weed Treatment for Stations: Board** Carol will call Senske and several other companies to get quotes on weed treatments and report back at the next regular meeting.

3. **DNR Phase I Grant: Bonnie** Carol and Bonnie discussed the grant and how it was more of an inexpensive shopping cart purchasing system that is not always the way to go regarding Wildland gear and equipment. We have not utilized this grant in the past as we could find what we needed cheaper elsewhere.

Public Concerns: None.

There was no other business.

The next regular meeting will be April 23, 2012 at 7:00p.m.

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:44p.m.

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Attest: Spokane County Fire District 5 Secretary