

**Spokane County Fire District #5**  
**September 22, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Jim Ryan, Sheri Rhoads and Todd Lehman

**District Administrator:** Carol Harrington

**Guests:** see attached sign in sheet

**Time Meeting Began:** 7:01 p.m.

- **Flag Salute**
- **The minutes from the August 25, 2008 Regular Meeting were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented unanimously.**
- **The treasury report was reviewed.** Carol read the report aloud.
- **The August bills were reviewed. The expenses were approved as presented for \$8,000.97.**
- **Correspondence:** Certified Security Systems, Moore Medical fuel graph, WFCFA 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Conf. Guest room rates, WFCFA Silent Auction and raffle letter, Snure Seminars 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Pre-Conference Laws Update Seminar, CCC Budget from Spokane Fire Dept. Bobby Williams, Chief
- **Administrators Report:** Annual Furnace Maintenance scheduled, WFCFA 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in SeaTac at Doubletree Hotel on Thursday October 23-25, 2008 **board unanimously approved Carol to attend the WFCFA Seminar; the board unanimously approved both Jim Ryan and Carol attend the Snure Seminar prior to the conference, Optional Coverage with Enduris Todd motion to go with the extra \$25,000 coverage for the Employee Dishonesty portion, Sheri 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion it was approved unanimously.** Carol will let Scott Hansen know at Enduris ASAP.
- **Fire Chief's Report (will show later as Kjell not here yet; at son's football game)**

**Old Business:**

1. **Smoke Alarm Grant:** The alarms have been installed in 6 homes. Ron said they have about 5-6 homes left.
2. **2007 DNR Grant:** Mike Flint has dropped off most of the items here at the station; Ron and other officers will be going through the items verifying they are correct to what we asked for on the grant.
3. **Website:** The site has been updated; it still has a couple of small issues that need to be fixed but it is going well.
4. **EMS/Lid Lift:** The board wants this kept on the agenda each month as each commissioner and/or Carol will have things to report on intermittently as needed.
5. **Security Boxes:** The boxes are in each station regarding security measures but they do need to be fine tuned. Jim said we do need a light that remains on at the entrance door in each station. Consistent lighting is necessary for the security cameras.
6. **Motion Lights for Security:** Still need to be put in by Silver Star Electric. Daryl will let us know when he is available ASAP.
7. **Station 53 Well:** Todd didn't have a report yet as he thought the meeting was one week from today. He will let us know.

**New Business:**

1. **Administrator Yearly Review:** Sheri would rather conduct this next month; could we put it on next month's agenda as this month we have a lot of business to take care of. The board thought that would be fine.
2. **2009 Levy Preparation:** Carol did send out to each commissioner the information Connie Kline, Spokane County Levy Specialist, sent her; it was in this month's meeting commissioner packet. She offered last year's copy of the levy info to Todd as he did not have one to refer to. Carol also mentioned a lot more information was going to come from Connie and she would forward it ASAP but if any commissioners had questions thus far, Connie listed her phone number on the correspondence.
3. **District Administrator Yearly Review:** This was already listed and discussed in item #1; Carol mistakenly listed it twice.

**Jim Ryan said the board would go into executive session for reason "F" to evaluate complaints or charges brought against a commissioner until 7:55pm.**

Regular session ended at 7:36pm.

Executive session began at 7:37pm.

Executive session ended at 7:59pm.

Regular session reconvened at 8:00pm. Jim apologized for going over the time in executive session.

**Jim Ryan made a statement from the majority of the board regarding the actions of Todd Lehman at the Prewitt Rd. Fire Incident:**

1. Commissioner Lehman as an individual had and has no authority to direct the actions of the Chief. The Chief is directed by policy or policies passed by the board; the board, including Commissioner Lehman, approved policies regarding the Chief at meetings previously just this year.
2. There is a possible violation by Todd Lehman of RCW 4.96.041 exposing commissioner Lehman to personal liability for his conduct during interference at a fire scene during emergency operations as he was not covered by any error and omissions in our district insurance.
3. There is a possible violation by Todd Lehman of RCW 9A.76.180 prohibiting the intimidation of a public servant
4. There was a violation by Todd Lehman of the safety of all of the fire personnel on the Prewitt Rd. fire as well as to all citizens of Spokane County Fire District #5.
5. In spite of Commissioner Lehman's improper actions in attempting to take over the Prewitt Rd. fire scene, Chief Anderson's proper training of Spokane County Fire District #5 personnel as well as his command of a difficult situation prevented the fire from getting out of control (Ed Lynch interrupted Jim at this point and was asked to remain quiet). Jim said the situation up to this point has been handled but the possible violations previously discussed may be reviewed or dealt with at a later date.

**Fire Chief's Report:** Kjell read a letter aloud re: Todd Lehman's actions at the Prewitt Road fire incident. It will be attached to the Prewitt Rd. fire incident.

**Public Concerns:**

1. **Gary Pietz:** He asked if the theft report regarding the Medic Rig had been reported to our insurance company yet. Carol replied that it had; the reason it took awhile was that the board had to let her know when she could go ahead with it and she had to attain replacement costs for each item as well as serial numbers of certain items. Gary was also concerned about response regarding an incident with Med Star aid. Ted Adams said he could discuss that later with Gary. Gary also asked again why he cannot go into the bay area and check out the vehicles. Jim replied that for security reasons Gary would have to make an appointment with the Chief, Kjell Anderson, in order to see the bay area; it protects all of us to handle it that way as the theft was obviously an inside job. We are trying to take every precaution we can.

There was no other business.

The next regular meeting will be October 27, 2008 at 7:00p.m.

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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Spokane County Fire District5 Chairman

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*Attest:* Spokane County Fire District 5 District Administrator