

Spokane County Fire District #5
April 27, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Jim Ryan and Todd Lehman

District Administrator: Carol Harrington

Guests: see attached sign in sheet

Time Meeting Began: 7:00p.m.

- **Flag Salute**
- **The minutes from the March 23, 2009 Regular Meeting were reviewed and approved as presented. The minutes from the April 24, 2009 Special Meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.**
- **The treasury report was reviewed.** Carol read the report aloud.
- **The February bills** were reviewed. The expenses were approved for \$6,359.50.
- **Correspondence:** WFCALegislative Report update on bills. WFCAL e-mail from Roger Ferris regarding DOH proposal on charges for EMS personnel; Carol read the e-mail aloud and each commissioner received a copy. Silverstar Electric sent a bid proposal with three different bids to fix or replace the north and south lights on Station 51. The different bids were discussed. Ron mentioned the lights have been fixed many times and he recommends that they be replaced. **The board unanimously approved to replace the lights** if the quote for \$350 was for both lights; Carol will check on that and if it is \$350 for both she will tell Daryl to go ahead with the work.
- **Administrators Report:** The next regular business meeting is on Memorial Day; that is not a problem for Carol but is this okay with the board? It is fine with Jim and Todd; Todd may call if it is not okay. Spokane Spray Service will be out shortly to spray for noxious weeds at both stations. Carol is still working on input for Quicken software program with our budget/expenses as well as the Washington State Auditor's Accounting program. Hopefully she will have it all updated from the beginning of 2009 and be able to provide the board with reports next month.
- **Fire Chief's Report:**
 - **Personnel:** Jason Burdick has passed the interview and background check. Would the commissioners approve his joining the team? We also have gear turned in from Todd and Rena Albertson and Tim Fenton. Tim Fenton did have an exit interview; the Albertson's were offered one but Ron has not heard from them since turning their gear in. **Todd motioned to approve Jason Burdick as a volunteer; the motion passed unanimously.**
 - **Training:** The 1st training of the month involved a live fire vehicle burn where ICS was practiced and two fire trucks were used. The 2nd training was an officer's meeting where many things were discussed. The 3rd training was a Wildland Red Card Refresher Part 1 taught in-house with our first qualified instructor on the team. The second part of that training will occur tomorrow evening. We also had five volunteers participate in a live fire structure training at Airway Heights FD.
 - **Stations:**
 - **Equipment:**
 - **Other:**

Old Business:

1. **EMS/Lid Lift:** Carol explained what she had gotten from Connie Kline regarding past information on how much per \$1,000 we had previously gotten. She talked with Brian Snure and Roger Ferris regarding what we can go for per \$1,000. We cannot go for \$1.50/\$1,000 unless we have at least one full-time employee (30 hrs/week). Roger mentioned that the WFCAL has sample lid lift verbiage and documents along with resolution and ballot samples. Jim discussed possibilities including a permanent \$1.20. Jim and Todd will study the information Carol acquired from the WFCAL and possibly call Roger Ferris themselves.
2. **Station 53 Well:** Ron and Todd met with Brian Belsby Friday April 24, 2009 to discuss possibilities for water. He will fax us Tuesday. Debi Davis asked what did you specifically talk to him about. Ron said a 12,000 gallon tank with a pump that would run 500gpm with water possibly going under the County Road with permits. The permit situation was not checked prior to speaking with Belsby Engineering.
3. **Station 52 Outdoor Security Lighting:** Jim has not had a chance to get over there at night and check on it; he will try to do that soon.
4. **2008 Assistance to Firefighter's Grant:** We are waiting for the money to be deposited into our General Fund; it is for Wildland Gear, radios, pagers and tire chains.

5. **2009 Assistance to Firefighter's Grant:** It is not due until the end of May and will be on office technology and equipment. Jim asked Carol if she could check into adding a fire safe cabinet to the grant. She will check on it.

New Business:

1. **Station 51 Exterior Lights:** Went over this in Fire Chief section.
2. **Board Position Open:** Carol has received phone messages from the following interested individuals who wish to fill that position: Greg Lucht, Marv Davis, Gary Pietz, and Larry Wendlandt. Interviews will be held for each interested person. We are still open for names; Carol has put it on the reader board as well as the website. Gary Pietz asked what is expected at the interview. Jim said that questions will be asked and the interviews would last about one hour. Jim asked that Carol take notes at each interview and could Ron please attend. Carol will take notes. Ron said he thought the interviews would only need to be 30 minutes. Jim said maybe 45 minutes would be best. They will call each individual or have Carol call them letting them know when interviews would be.

Public Concerns:

- **Patty Bonner:** She asked for the update on the EMT's. Ron said all EMT's are current and Kjell will be reinstated. Patty asked if Kjell is practicing as an EMT now. Ron said no, he has not and will not until the actual paperwork is received at this office.

There was no other business.

The next regular meeting will be May 25, 2009 at 7:00p.m.

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:50p.m.

Spokane County Fire District5 Chairman

Sheri Rhoads resigned
Spokane County Fire District5 Commissioner

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Attest: Spokane County Fire District 5 District Administrator