

Spokane County Fire District #5
March 21, 2012 Special Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Todd Lehman, Gary Pietz and Larry Wendlandt.

District Secretary: Carol Harrington

Guests: Chief Cobb, Scott Lynch, Kjell Anderson, Rod Heimbigner.

Time Meeting Began: 4:15p.m.

- Larry reported on his research with the Washington State Ratings and Bureau (WSRB) and International Organization for Standardization (ISO) in regards to water transfer/drop issues. It is not just a matter of us moving water but also matter of how many personnel are there to move it; with that being said, whether the pump is a 1250gpm or a 1200gpm would not matter for insurance rating purposes.
- Rod presented a PowerPoint that went over a trip some of the truck committee members took to look at similar vehicles. The group went to Boardman, Moro and Grass Valley FD's.
- Kjell said they learned and saw that dump chutes were removable. Some trucks had a lot of hydraulics on them and were nice but tended to take up more room because of the long moveable arms. We wouldn't use a hydraulic dump that often anyway. Also saw some trucks that had great compartments below the tank.
- Compartments were discussed at length. Carol asked if our crew had a clear and concise plan for what we needed for each compartment on the new truck in order to fit our particular equipment. They said yes, they do.
- Larry asked for a consensus regarding what of those trucks they liked the best. Rod and Kjell said the truck Moro had was closest to what they are thinking of. They thought it was well planned for ops including their cross-lays, drivability, well thought out cab, and preconnects. Kjell said that the area for the deck gun and its plumbing needs more thought; he said that he prefers a hose reel to a deck gun if it came down to choosing. He likes the idea of portable monitors. Rod and Kjell warned against any hose reels under the cabs as the crews they spoke with said it was a bad idea.
- Larry listed what we are fairly sure we are getting: 2,000gal, Cummins/Freightliner, porta-tank, rear dump, side panel, 4-person cab. A lot of discussion followed regarding a porta-tank. Rod and Kjell said it would not get used on a structure fire – period. They doubted it would ever be used. Rod said no one really uses them anymore due to uneven ground, hard to put up, takes too many personnel away from other fire needs; Kjell agreed. Board and Bonnie disagreed and discussion followed regarding prior Chief's statement that we cannot put out a structure fire because we do not have enough water and do not have a sufficient pump to pump water. The group discussed moving 1,000gal water quickly to meet NFPA standards.
- Because the group did not have a set of blueprints on a truck Brendan from General Fire was going to have ready and bring to the meeting, the group decided to wait for those and meet as soon as possible when those were available. Larry will make sure to contact Brendan to get a time and day and let everyone else know.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00p.m.

Spokane County Fire District 5 Chairman

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Attest: Spokane County Fire District 5 Secretary