

Spokane County Fire District #5 April 23, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

District Secretary: Carol Harrington

Guests: see attached sign in sheet

Time Meeting Began: 7:02p.m.

- **Flag Salute**
- **The minutes from the March 26, 2012 Regular Meeting were reviewed;** Carol took out Marcus Morgan's presentation on the Reardan-Edwall school bond as it occurred before the business meeting. She also corrected the word "fluorescent." **The amended minutes were then approved as presented; the minutes from the March 29, 2012 Special Meeting were reviewed and approved as presented; the minutes from the April 9, 2012 Special Meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.**
- **The treasury report was reviewed.** Carol read the report aloud.
- **The April bills** were reviewed. Larry made a motion to accept the bills as presented; Todd seconded and **the expenses were approved as presented for \$8,495.03.**
- **Secretary's Report:** Bob Harding's fees owed to this district will be removed from the agenda per the board; we won't go through that again. From now on we will only give out records once the fees have already been paid.
- **Correspondence:** WA DOH Expectations of the EMS Agency, EMS agency Supervisor and Physician Advisor email (copy in each commissioner packet and emailed to Chief Cobb and Rod, our EMS Coor. Also from the DOH warning of pertussis (whooping cough) to all healthcare entities –copy to Chief Cobb and EMS Coor. WFOA Legislative Alert re: SSB 5381 signed by Gregoire on EMS tax levies going to simple majority for renewals of 6 or 10 year levies. The EMS Trauma Care Prehospital Grant email re: amount and payment process.
- **Fire Chief's Report:**
 1. Recruitment talked with two that have moved back out to the Pine Bluff Rd.
 2. We have 6 volunteers taking Red Card class at Region 9.
 3. Neighbor brought us paint for the Red Barn Building – Send thank you to Jim Wilson.
 4. Ed Lynch painted the Barn –Send thank you.
 5. Truck/Equip. Status: B52 needs the line fixed from where the tank sensor was repaired. Line not hooked up.
 6. Training Status: Drove trucks around the District.
 7. Wildland Practical's: one chainsaw would not run; the other is not running well. We need to start them up when we do truck checks as well as the chop saw. Carol said she would add equipment to the truck check list when Bonnie lists out what she wants added.
 8. Flag Rope; it keeps breaking. The cable lasted for a long while. Get 100' of cable with eyelets to easily hook-up the flag per board.
 9. Medical License for E51; we will wait on this per board.
 10. Training the chief went to: Chief Meeting, CWPP, Lincoln County fire training. Refresher course on EMT 3 times. We received free stuff from the CWPP Firewise

resources so our volunteers can go door to door with great educational information regarding making their home and property Firewise.

11. Newsletter for the community: EMS Week, Wildland Week, new truck, new Fire Chief, new volunteers, new EMT's, still working on this.
12. Bike's using parking lot; just a reminder.

Old Business:

1. **Supply Request: Bonnie** covered in Chief's report.
2. **Supply Request: Carol** Nothing at this time.
3. **Review of Policies/Procedures: Board** Gary asked if we need to adopt an Assistant Chief's position. Yes, we do. Bonnie has one that she will send to Carol. The board will call a special meeting to deal with that.
4. **AFG Grant: Board** The specs are in; we need to have our team review it and get it back to Carol by this Thursday. The truck is spec'd out at 32' long. **Todd** asked if we are going to a 4 cab just to please the crew or because it serves the public better. **Bonnie** said it serves the public better; we will have no problem with 1,500 gallons of water and it is beneficial to have 4-5 firefighters in the truck. **Todd** disagrees and gave an example of the crew trying to land an emergency Med Star helicopter; since the crew had all come in one truck, they did not have another vehicle to help land it. **Bonnie** said that about 99% of the time we will have more than one truck on scene. **Gary** disagrees and began a discussion of the lack of volunteers showing up on calls. **Bonnie** said we do have volunteers coming as well as mutual aid. She said she needs to respond in B52 on Command to begin a scene size-up. At that time I have a good idea of who is coming. They are responding and they will respond. **Larry** said it is a maneuverability issue with him. **Gary** said that people (residents) say that they don't want just one truck coming; we need to listen to what they are saying. **Todd** said that increased water is more important than taking more firefighters in one truck. It bothers him that several volunteers say they are going to quit if they don't get a 4 cab. A single and double axel was discussed. **Larry** said he wants to see some turning radius numbers in the specs; I want the numbers from Freightliner as they do this stuff all the time. **Gary** said that the volunteers seem to assume we are going with a 4 cab and he is not convinced. Thursday is the next truck meeting. There was discussion on the timing with FEMA. Brenden may be able to come to that meeting. See what happens Thursday then the board can get together the beginning of the next week.
5. **Emergency Reporting System: Board** Carol reviewed the company's services and the board discussed the presentation Lee Kleve gave. Scott Lynch also liked what he saw as far as what it can do for the crew; it seemed very user-friendly. **Gary made a motion to contract with ERS; Larry seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

New Business:

1. **A51 – New Engine:** Larry handed out a bid from Franklin Enterprises on what it would take to get it running. Scott said the truck is worth saving. Larry said he could look open up his shop to save us some money considering a lot of the cost is in the labor. We need it for the summer. Carol said if we stay under \$10,000 we do not have to go out for bid for the labor. Carol Chase said time could be donated for the work on it at Larry's shop. Larry said yes; there is no way he could do it alone. Carol will check on the laws regarding a

commissioner using/donating shop and tools for such an endeavor. Todd asked Bonnie to find out who would be willing to help on a weekend on this. Bonnie said she would find out. Todd said it would take a lot of people and we really have to know who is coming and not have them back out as if we go this route it has to be done.

2. **FEMA – 2007 Grant:** A representative emailed Bonnie regarding a past grant; said they could not get hold of Carol. Carol said she has been in contact with this rep and has not heard back from her via email, cell or district phone though the rep has all this information. She will make sure this is taken care of soon.

Public Concerns:

- **Isla Durham:** When you have people go door to door make sure and tell them what our phone number is; many people don't know and it is not listed in the phone book. How are the medical supplies kept up to date? Carol said that Bonnie will give her a list of what to order after an inventory has been taken by whoever is given that task. She places the order and it is usually shipped within two weeks. Make sure the truck committee does not drag their feet so that we lose the grant truck. She has heard this is an issue. Carol has not heard of anyone dragging their feet and says if she knows about it she will assist in taking care of that as she is responsible for the timeliness of how it progresses regarding reports, etc. The board and Bonnie reassured her that this will not happen. Decisions on the truck will be made this next week. Carol needs it so she can send it to Snure for his legal once-over. Precise wording of the grant and specs were reiterated by Carol.

There was no other business.

The next regular meeting will be May 30, 2012 at 7:00p.m.

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:45p.m.

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Attest: Spokane County Fire District 5 Secretary