

Spokane County Fire District #5
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2012; 7:00p.m. District Office

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

District Secretary: Carol Harrington

Guests: see attached sign in sheet

Time Meeting Began: 8:03p.m.

- **Flag Salute**
- **The minutes from the June 25, 2012 Regular Meeting were reviewed then approved as presented. The minutes from the July 9, 2012 Special Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved as presented. The minutes from the July 26, 2012 Special Meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.**
- **The treasury report was reviewed.** Carol read the report aloud.
- **The August bills were reviewed.** Gary made motion to accept the bills as presented; Larry seconded the motion and **the expenses were approved as presented for \$9,905.99 and are attached.**
- **Secretary's Report:** The Vendor's List and Small Works Roster were published in the paper per RCW requirements on July 8, 2012. A \$5,000 transfer from our General Fund into our Reserve F38 Fund will take place unless the board notifies Carol otherwise at this regular meeting. The board told Carol to go ahead with the scheduled transfer of \$5,000. Each commissioner has a copy of several semi-annual financial reports for 2012.
- **Correspondence:** WFCFA Conference in Yakima on October 25, 26, & 27, 2012. 2013 Self-Funded Health Care Premium Increase of 6.3 percent. Thank you from Diane Leonard. Email forwarded from Chief Cobb regarding Josh Cobb and Theresa Scheidt needing 6-8 weeks off to have and care for their new baby. Date back at 6 weeks would be 8/22 and at 8 weeks 9/5/12. I have not received any follow-up correspondence on this. Discussion followed regarding maternity leave. Carol will check with the BVFF on this. Carol will register both Larry and Bonnie for the WFCFA and Snure Seminar in October. She will also make sure they each have rooms and prepare travel logs for them.
- **Fire Chief's Report:**
 - Recruitment: Interviewed two new volunteers. One comes with a lot of fire knowledge - 4 summers at DNR 2 years at Stevens District; 2nd applicant was very excited and wants to be very involved. Have four others, one full time fireman, and two home during the day, fourth is home one day a week and weekends and "has medical experience." **The board approved physicals for the two new applicants.** Gave stats on our current volunteers including years of experience for our EMT's.
 - Truck/Equip. Status: Replaced the nozzle on the gas pump. Purchased supplies to build a step for easier access for the gas personnel. All medical supplies have been replaced to be up to date. Working on DNR surplus trucks; see the "copy of Appendix C & D in your package." The February 12, 2013 date for the grant truck is on schedule; there are no hold-ups and all is going great.
 - Training Status: All water tanks are full and ready for summer. We had three great trainings this month: water shuttle, 1- Farm Awareness, Haz Mat, Confined spaces. Training at the scene of a fire Volunteer appreciation BBQ Open House: discussed

networking with SCFD9 guys when they dropped by our open house. We are working on fall training schedule with 5 fire district's involved; this will be monitored by North Bend so FF1 tests and status can be acquired.

Training for the Chief: Chief' Meeting, Emergency response meeting at SCC; Worked with Spokane County on radios DNR paper work. Working with Avista on access road maps.

Station Status: We have a mechanic that will come to the station - \$50/hr and no charge for drive time. His name is Wade Hamlin out of Reardan and he is also a LCFD4 firefighter. **The board motioned and approved that Wade be one of our mechanics.** Station 52 has been tagged and needs to be painted; board said we have to wait and see what our insurance says. Reader boards have been repaired and working.

Other: General Fire Open House Sept. 6th

Gary asked if the volunteers who are below response stats have been notified. Bonnie says they have been notified and she will get the documentation to Carol.

Old Business:

1. **Supply Request Bonnie:** discussed the need of pagers; it has already been approved – go get the pagers.
2. **Supply Request Carol:** Request a new office chair; the current one is broken on casters and getting worse. **Board approved Carol to get a new office chair.** Gary mentioned checking at Davis Office Supply.
3. **Review of Policies/Procedures: Board;** Gary said he is and has been available. Larry said we should try to schedule it for the first week of September but not on the 5th.
4. **2011 AFG Grant: Board** Carol did not know about the February 2013 date Bonnie referred to earlier as still being a delivery date or that all was going as scheduled. Bonnie will have Brenden Feist give Carol a call.
5. **2012 AFG Grant: Carol** No word yet and it could be a couple of months yet until we hear anything on the Extrication equipment grant.

New Business:

1. **DNR Phase II Grant: Carol** A51 Refurbish is a possibility. Bonnie will check with DNR regarding what we can go for as far as prices, etc. Discussion followed on putting a diesel in A51 as Mike Flint has mentioned that to Bonnie; Larry agrees. Carol has all the grant information out to all the officers and will write the grant as soon as they get her the information.
2. **Donation of Aluminum Cans** that a resident and his daughter took in was given to Gary for the firefighter fund.

Public Concerns:

- Ron Wood: He asked if we are sending any FF to Airway Hts. He is very concerned that we are not doing our job in this district. He does tell anyone asking him questions to just come to the meetings.
- Bobbie Baker: She read a statement aloud after introducing herself as a resident in this district that is also concerned for how things are going. The statement went over her concerns regarding Bonnie Cobb's qualifications for a Chief position, the skill of the people that are responding to calls, the leadership skills of Bonnie Cobb, the firing of Kjell Anderson and Jennifer Jensen as two of the best EMT/FF we had

and where this district is headed. She thinks we should just merge with SCFD10. She requested her letter be attached to the minutes.

- Larry Wendlandt said we went down this road a year ago; no comment.
- Ken Fisher introduced himself as a current volunteer EMT and FF for this district. He went on to list his history and qualifications as well as a general history of several other EMT's with our district. He said he understands why Kjell and Jennifer were let go. He reiterated that the current staff are qualified to serve the district's needs. Discussion followed regarding mutual aid calls.
- Bobbie Baker said that Ken is here and that is great but where are these other EMT's? It's fine to have the experience and skills but it doesn't do any of us any good if they aren't responding. She still thinks we should merge with FD10.
- Isla Durham: She said that mutual aid is in place. She said she and many others here have been coming to the business meetings on a regular basis. She suggested Bobbie Baker do the same to make sure she is getting the right information.
- Bobbie Baker said that she hears the calls on a radio she has and they are a joke. She said our Chief does not know how to talk on the radio or handle a call. She does not come to the meetings because she doesn't drive at night as she cannot see well.
- Carol Lynch offered to drive her to and from the meetings each month.
- Larry Durham mentioned that there were EMT's in the past that were qualified and did their job but were fired for it. Now two have been let go because they were not doing their job.
- Bobbie Baker said that since Jim Ryan and Sheri Rhoads left as commissioners all this board has done is to make money.
- Larry Wendlandt said no, we have saved money. Discussion followed on the budget and balances in the district fund since leaving Lincoln County FD. Special meetings were discussed as well as rules governing them. Carol went over some of the rules she has for special meetings and said she tries to keep the board up to date.
- Discussion followed on Kjell Anderson and Jennifer Jensen and how they were let go. Talk gravitated toward how we all need to come together as a community and chip in and help each other out. We should all be connected; it has nothing to do with who is related to whom.

There was no other business.

The next regular meeting will be September 24, 2012 at 7:00p.m.

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:26p.m.

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Attest: Spokane County Fire District 5 Secretary