

Special Meeting 08-16-2021 1

DOUGLAS OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 15
APPROVED MINUTES

Ambulance Hall

Brewster, WA

A special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Douglas Okanogan County Fire District 15 was called to order by Chairman Lonnie Fenton at 1:00 p.m. at the Ambulance Hall.

IN ATTENDANCE: Commissioners Kris Erlandsen, Chris Bailey, Lonnie Fenton, Tim Baird and F. Eric Zahn, Secretary Kaylee Jensen and EMS Director Tonya Vallance

REMOTE ATTENDANCE: No public or remote attendees attended.

Tonya discussed the governor's vaccine proclamation and attorney Brian Snure's analysis of the proclamation. COVID 19 hospitalizations and the delta variant was discussed. The District will be required to follow the guidelines of the proclamation and attorney Brian Snure's recommendations. Discussion held.

COVID19 Vaccine mandate

Tim moved and Eric seconded to require Fire and EMS employees and volunteers that provide health care services be required to receive the vaccination prior to the date required by the governor's proclamation. Motion carried.

The State Cares fund and the alternative Allstate Life Insurance/ LTC was discussed. Commissioners considered whether the alternative option should be an employer paid benefit. Commissioners didn't support this as an Employer paid benefit. Commissioners approved to allow those eligible to participate, which includes employees who work Fulltime or permanent parttime 20 hours or more per week to enroll in the alternative Allstate/LTC which would be an employee paid option. *Enrollment in the alternative plan doesn't automatically exempt the employee from paying the State LTC tax.*

Local Loan/Bond Counsel- Nothing to report.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:13 PM.

Kaylee Jensen, Board Secretary

Lonnie Fenton, Chairman