

Regular Meeting 06-13-2022 1

DOUGLAS OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 15
APPROVED MINUTES

Ambulance Hall

Brewster, WA

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Douglas Okanogan County Fire District 15 was called to order by Chairman Lonnie Fenton at 6:05 p.m. at the Ambulance Hall.

IN ATTENDANCE: Commissioners Chris Bailey, Kris Erlandsen and F. Eric Zahn, Secretary Kaylee Jensen, EMS Director Tonya Vallance, Methow Station Chief Joe Kitzman, Pateros Station Chief Kerry Heen and Rocky Butte Station Chief Sal Rodriguez

REMOTE ATTENDANCE BY PHONE OR COMPUTER: Commissioners Lonnie Fenton and Tim Baird, and District Chief Bill Vallance

Consent Agenda

Board Consent Agenda

Minutes 05/09/2022 regular meeting

Vouchers 05-23-2022, 06-13-2022

Fire District

May 23, 2022 Financials amounting to \$3,541.02

May 23, 2022 Payroll amounting to \$5,535.72

June 13, 2022 Financials amounting to \$2,641.93

June 13, 2022 Payroll amounting to \$10,332.09

Ambulance

May 23, 2022 Financials amounting to \$4,415.61

May 23, 2022 Payroll amounting to \$17,121.76

June 13, 2022 Financials amounting to \$2,405.49

June 13, 2022 Payroll amounting to \$27,464.02

Lonnie/Eric moved and seconded to approve all items on the Board Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY REPORT: The May Secretary report was studied by the Commissioners.

DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Chief Vallance reported he contacted Doghouse Sports regarding the UTV order fulfillment. An alternate 5-seater UTV will be available in a few weeks.

DNR Coop truck update. Chief Vallance spoke to the head of the DNR and the conclusion was to take the 2022 season off due to lack of applicants on both sides. A discussion on volunteer response/ or lack of volunteer response and how to get participation will be discussed at next meeting.

Okanogan County burn ban restrictions begin June 15, 2022 which applies to all outdoor debris burning. Douglas County burn ban was effective June 01, 2022.

SOP/SOG COMMITTEE REPORT: Chief Vallance reported the committee will need to meet to discuss a UTV use policy.

PATEROS REPORT: Chief Kerry Heen reported firefighters responded to 2 MVA incidents, 4 wildland related calls and an EMS assist.

Firefighters completed electric vehicle fire training, first aid training and wildland sandbox training.

Pateros firefighters participated in the annual Memorial Day flag raising event at the Pateros Cemetery.

BREWSTER REPORT: Chief Victor Vargas was absent. Sal reported Brewster firefighters responded to 5 MVA incidents, 3 wildland fire/controlled burn calls. R&M was completed on trucks.

ROCKY BUTTE REPORT: Chief Sal Rodriguez reported firefighters responded to 2 MVA incidents with one cancelled in route and a wildland fire. Firefighters continue to train with Brewster.

METHOW REPORT: Chief Joe Kitzman reported firefighters assisted EMS on a lift assist call. Otherwise Methow has been quiet.

Firefighters completed wildland training, SCBA, Pack test and shelter deployment training.

R&M was completed on trucks.

EMS DIRECTOR REPORT: Tonya reported new guidelines were issued for the OPMA. The required and recommended changes were discussed. Commissioners would like to continue to offer the Go to meeting remote attendance option for Commissioners and the public that may not be able to attend in person meetings. Commissioners chose not to record meetings after discussion of records retention and media space necessary for retention and the current public interest in meetings.

COVID19 update was given. An increase in testing and positives was reported.

Tonya reported Monkey Pox was active in 15 states and a patient was tested locally and the person is isolated and awaiting the results.

Apparatus update was given. One of the two new ambulances was expected to be completed as early as June.

USDA grant funding will be available after we provide an Invoice to the finance department.

The Secretary reported a supplemental budget hearing will be necessary to appropriate grant funds and other additional Revenue for Fire and Ambulance. Discussion held.

Union update was given. Collective Bargaining negotiation meeting was scheduled for July 08, 2022.

A job offer for the an open EMT position was extended, but the applicant has declined to accept at this time. The EMT Job listings are advertised on the Districts website, social media site and Work Source.

Resolution 02-2022 stale check cancellation

Tim/Chris moved and seconded to approve resolution 02-2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bailey asked if there was any public comment on any of the action items discussed. No public comment.

Resolution 03-2022 Surplus resolution will need to be postponed to next meeting due to the information wasn't complete as of the June regular meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:50 PM.

Kaylee Jensen, Board Secretary

Lonnie Fenton, Chairman