

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 Chris Bailey at 6:00 p.m. at the Ambulance Hall.

IN ATTENDANCE: Commissioners Chris Bailey, Kris Erlandsen, Joe Kitzman, F. Eric Zahn, Secretary Kaylee Jensen, EMS Director Tonya Vallance, District Chief Bill Vallance, Brewster Station Chief Victor Vargas, Rocky Butte Station Chief Sal Rodriguez, Pateros Station Chief Kerry Heen, Methow Station Chief Nolan Tonseth, Methow Station Captain Dave Sorensen, firefighter Bruce Henne

REMOTE ATTENDANCE BY PHONE OR COMPUTER: Commissioners Tim Baird and one other unnamed on phone

***Consent Agenda***

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Minutes 07/10/2023 regular meeting,

Vouchers 07-24-2023, 08-14-2023

Fire District

July 24, 2023 Financials amounting to \$51,864.73

July 24, 2023 Payroll/EFT amounting to \$15,976.31

August 14, 2023 Financials amounting to \$82,195.72

August 14, 2023 Payroll/EFT amounting to \$8,116.51

Ambulance

July 24, 2023 Financials amounting to \$6,658.40

July 24, 2023 Payroll/EFT amounting to \$18,237.10

August 14, 2023 Financials amounting to \$59,425.01

August 14, 2023 Payroll/EFT amounting to \$11,337.51

Joe/Chris moved and seconded to approve all items on the Board Consent Agenda.  
Motion carried.

SECRETARY REPORT: The July Secretary report was studied by Commissioners.

DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Chief Vallance reported 52 calls for service received since the last meeting and 336 calls this year.

Apparatus update was given. Both new Fire Engines have been delivered and one is already in service. Discussion held.

Generator maintenance is scheduled for this week. Kris Erlandsen asked about an earlier generator maintenance agreement discussed. No maintenance agreement was entered into from the prior quote. The District Chief will look at the maintenance agreement quote again.

SOP/SOG COMMITTEE REPORT: Nothing to report.

PATEROS REPORT: Chief Kerry Heen reported firefighters responded to 14 calls in the last 30 days. Firefighters completed Wildland sandbox and the new fire truck training. rope rescue, pump drafting, and EVA training is scheduled for this week.

METHOW REPORT: Chief Nolan Tonseth reported firefighters responded to one tractor rollover incident.

BREWSTER REPORT: Chief Victor Vargas reported firefighters responded to a structure fire, 3 MVA incidents, 2 brush fire, 3 cancelled in route, 1 assist out of the District and 3 assist within the District. The DNR COOP truck went to Oroville.

ROCKY BUTTE REPORT: Chief Sal Rodriguez reported firefighters responded to 2 MVA incidents and 1 wildland fire incident. Firefighters completed Station maintenance and trained 2 nights with Brewster firefighters.

EMS DIRECTOR REPORT: Tonya reported the District received notice from USDA last week of a compliancy check visit. The onsite compliance check has been completed. Tonya discussed some of the Fire District project goals and USDA may be a funding source with grants/loans.

Health Commons Contract (COVID19 testing kits distribution) has been extended through yearend.

The need for a Harmony House contract was discussed due to the charges are denied when submitted to Medicare, it is necessary to cover costs for services. Commissioners approved a rate of \$350/\$400 per trip to be decided by Tonya.

LTGO Bond Debt balance was discussed, and the Ambulance has the funds to pay off the debt entirely in 2023. No objections were heard.

A Supplemental Budget public hearing will be held during the regular meeting September 11, 2023 at 6pm.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Tonya presented her letter of intent to retire to Commissioners with a date of June 30, 2024 just short of 25 years with the District. Commissioner Erlandsen asked about the acquisition of a new tender with the DNR grant funds. Bruce Henne reported the trucks they were looking at are leased out seasonally, so nothing is happening now.

Tonya mentioned the District will need to go out to bid or piggyback for the truck. The grant is for \$100,000 and after the initial search it is estimated the costs will be greater than the amount of available grant funds. Discussion held.

The District Chief position was discussed briefly. A special meeting will be held August 23, 2023 at the EMS Station at 6pm.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:40 PM.

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Kaylee Jensen, Board Secretary

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Chris Bailey, Chairman