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DOUGLAS OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 15
APPROVED MINUTES

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Brewster, WA

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Douglas Okanogan County Fire District 15 was called to order by Chairman Ike Vallance at 7:01 p.m.

REMOTE ATTENDANCE BY PHONE OR COMPUTER: Commissioners Chris Bailey, Lonnie Fenton, Tim Baird, F. Eric Zahn and Ike Vallance, Secretary Kaylee Jensen, EMS Director Tonya Vallance, District Chief Bill Vallance, Methow Station Chief Joe Kitzman, Pateros Station Chief Keith Zweigle, Brewster Station Chief Victor Vargas, Rocky Butte Station Captain Sal Rodriguez and guest Tom Hook

Consent Agenda

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Minutes 03/09/20 regular meeting, 05/06/20 special meeting, 06/08/20 regular meeting

Vouchers 03-23-20, 04-13-20, 04-27-20, 05-11-20, 05-25-20, 06-08-20, 06-22-20, 07-13-20, 07-27-20, 08-10-20, 08-24-20, 09-14-20

Fire District

March 23, 2020 Financials amounting to \$2,565.12
March 23, 2020 Payroll amounting to \$5,616.82
April 13, 2020 Financials amounting to \$4,411.70
April 13, 2020 Payroll amounting to \$4,030.60
April 27, 2020 Financials amounting to \$785.53
April 27, 2020 Payroll amounting to \$9,021.16
May 11, 2020 Financials amounting to \$2,232.62
May 11, 2020 Payroll amounting to \$4,137.25
May 25, 2020 Financials amounting to \$3,947.68
May 25, 2020 Payroll amounting to \$5,019.79
June 08, 2020 Financials amounting to \$2,358.37
June 08, 2020 Payroll amounting to \$4,797.07
June 22, 2020 Financials amounting to \$14,712.21
June 22, 2020 Payroll amounting to \$6,842.86
July 13, 2020 Financials amounting to \$7,612.42
July 13, 2020 Payroll amounting to \$17,837.92
July 27, 2020 Financials amounting to \$2,768.85
July 27, 2020 Payroll amounting to \$6,126.93
August 10, 2020 Financials amounting to \$30,095.28
August 10, 2020 Payroll amounting to \$5,917.21
August 24, 2020 Financials amounting to \$1,037.49
August 24, 2020 Payroll amounting to \$7,618.71
September 14, 2020 Financials amounting to \$4,386.16
September 14, 2020 Payroll amounting to \$6,199.08

Ambulance

March 23, 2020 Financials amounting to \$2,729.43
March 23, 2020 Payroll amounting to \$16,269.95
April 13, 2020 Financials amounting to \$4,002.69
April 13, 2020 Payroll amounting to \$16,552.31
April 27, 2020 Financials amounting to \$2,506.91
April 27, 2020 Payroll amounting to \$15,755.89

May 11, 2020 Financials amounting to \$43,294.52
May 11, 2020 Payroll amounting to \$13,549.12
May 25, 2020 Financials amounting to \$16,336.01
May 25, 2020 Payroll amounting to \$15,741.49
June 08, 2020 Financials amounting to \$2,867.41
June 08, 2020 Payroll amounting to \$10,384.76
June 22, 2020 Financials amounting to \$2,954.81
June 22, 2020 Payroll amounting to \$15,635.29
July 13, 2020 Financials amounting to \$3,360.88
July 13, 2020 Payroll amounting to \$29,723.52
July 27, 2020 Financials amounting to \$1,652.37
July 27, 2020 Payroll amounting to \$15,752.71
August 10, 2020 Financials amounting to \$16,339.78
August 10, 2020 Payroll amounting to \$11,131.04
August 24, 2020 Financials amounting to \$3,478.69
August 24, 2020 Payroll amounting to \$15,439.61
September 14, 2020 Financials amounting to \$18,887.62
September 14, 2020 Payroll amounting to \$10,948.54

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

SECRETARY REPORT: The August Secretary report was sent to Commissioners. The Chairman asked the other Commissioners if there were any questions and there were none.

DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Chief Vallance reported firefighters responded to the Cold Springs Fire and Pearl Hill Fire. The District volunteer firefighters provided a major initial response for the first 18 hours and provided structure protection and were able to save thousands of homes. Mutual Aid was received by Okanogan County Fire District 6. Discussion held.

The DNR Coop truck update was given. The crew responded to the Evans Canyon Fire near Yakima two weeks ago and currently are working the Pearl Hill Fire.

Chief Vallance will submit paperwork for State Mobe reimbursements.

Burma Road fire was discussed. DNR provided a helicopter quickly and firefighters responded swiftly to put the fire out at 170 acres.

R&M apparatus update was given. B1511 pump was replaced. B1524 oil cooler needs replaced. B1541 lost a starter on the pump during the Fire response. Gamble Sands has a large pump and they were able to pump a lot of water. The starter was replaced.

The generator at Rocky Butte Station has been valuable. District volunteer firefighter Dave McNamara has spent lots of time at the station filling water containers for people due to no power for the last week on the Bridgeport Bar.

SOP/SOG COMMITTEE REPORT: Nothing to report.

PATEROS REPORT: Chief Keith Zweigle reported firefighter training has been all over the board because of fires.

Firefighters responded to Pearl Hill Fire with the 5-ton military truck with 1000 gallons of water and were able to provide structure protection to about 4 places.

R&M B1511 was necessary to replace a broken mirror and has been completed.

Firefighters responded at the Pateros Football field and helped to get the burn victims loaded in the medivac helicopter.

Chief Zweigle gave notice of his resignation as Station Chief. Discussion held.

Commissioners, Chief Kitzman and Chief Vallance all thanked Chief Zweigle for his service.

BREWSTER REPORT: Chief Victor Vargas reported firefighters responded to a couple of structure fires involving mobile homes prior to the major fires. Firefighters responded to a few MVA incidents with Extrication equipment.

Firefighters participated with training and battery-operated extrication equipment.

Cold Springs Fire and Pearl Hill fire were responded to and Chief Vargas is proud of the firefighters.

ROCKY BUTTE REPORT: Captain Sal Rodriguez reported firefighters responded to two major fires. Structure protection was provided at Bridgeport and firefighters responded with two trucks to the Dyer Hill flare up. Firefighters did a good job and were able to save a lot of homes.

METHOW REPORT: Chief Joe Kitzman reported firefighters responded to the Burma Road fire and a motorcycle accident on SR 153. A medivac helicopter landed at the scene to transport the patient.

Firefighters responded to the Cold Springs Fire. A firefighter responded in the Methow Tender assisting Omak firefighters with the fire at the mill.

Firefighters completed some training and vehicle maintenance.

A Chiefs meeting was held.

EMS DIRECTOR REPORT: Tonya reported there were 1029 COVID19 positive so far in Okanogan County with 30 currently active. Testing for employees and volunteers is offered every two weeks. Discussion was held.

Donations were received in the amount of \$10,000 and \$2,000 from local growers.

A retired doctor donated a Resusci Anne mannequin equipment to the EMS.

The presidential payroll tax holiday was discussed. According to a blog on MRSC the payroll tax holiday is not mandatory or advisable and would create a burden for employees and the employer when the money is required to be paid back in 2021.

Commissioner Baird opposed the District participation. Commissioners declined to allow employees choice in participation.

Revolving fund checks not cashed was discussed. RCW 39.56.040 allows for cancellation of municipal warrants. The provisions associated with RCW 39.56.040 which states "warrants" is also applicable to the checks issued through the revolving fund of the district. A procedure and resolution for cancelation of checks more than one year old will be presented for approval at the next board meeting.

Resolution 07-2020 Bad Debt

Chris/Tim moved and seconded a motion to send to collections and write-off bad debt in the amount of \$26,356.05. Motion carried.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Commissioners, EMS Director and the attorney present by phone went into Executive Session to discuss personnel with a probable ending time of 15 minutes at 8:10pm. The Chairman extended the Executive session 10 minutes more two times. The commissioners came out of Executive Session at 8:47PM. No action was taken.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:48 PM.

Kaylee Jensen, Board Secretary

Ike Vallance, Chairman