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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 Commissioner Lonnie Fenton at 7:07 p.m.

REMOTE ATTENDANCE BY PHONE OR COMPUTER: Commissioners Chris Bailey, Lonnie Fenton, Tim Baird, and F. Eric Zahn, Secretary Kaylee Jensen, EMS Director Tonya Vallance, District Chief Bill Vallance, Methow Station Chief Joe Kitzman, Pateros Station Chief Kerry Heen, Pateros Station Assistant Chief Matt Coffman, Brewster Station Chief Victor Vargas, Rocky Butte Station Captain Sal Rodriguez, Bruce Henne, Carlene Anders, and Kris Erlandsen

***Consent Agenda***

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Minutes 02/08/2021 regular meeting,

Vouchers 02-22-2021, 03-08-2021

Fire District

February 22, 2021 Financials amounting to \$1,670.12

February 22, 2021 Payroll amounting to \$5,524.79

March 08, 2021 Financials amounting to \$4,648.08

March 08, 2021 Payroll amounting to \$3,188.37

Ambulance

February 22, 2021 Financials amounting to \$2,666.34

February 22, 2021 Payroll amounting to \$14,563.40

March 08, 2021 Financials amounting to \$61,525.79

March 08, 2021 Payroll amounting to \$9,867.47

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

Commissioner Vacancy was discussed.

Eric/Chris moved and seconded to appoint Kris Erlandsen to the vacant position. Motion carried.

SECRETARY REPORT: The February Secretary report was provided to the Commissioners prior to the meeting. Nothing extraordinary reported.

DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Chief Vallance reported a DNR Phase 2 grant was awarded to the District for high volume pumps and equipment. A surplus DNR truck will be received by the District tomorrow. Discussion held. It was estimated that it would cost approximately \$15,000 to get the truck in service.

Commissioners received a copy of the local loan answers to the questions inquired about from the previous meeting. Local Loan application was discussed. Commissioners supported proceeding with the local loan.

Surplus SCBA bottles were discussed. Chief Vallance has been working with a small department in Montana to surplus the bottles. Chief Vallance proposed offering all the surplus bottles to the department for \$1500. There was no objection to the request. A District Live Fire training was held on Saturday in Pateros with 40-45 firefighters

participating and one Commissioner was in attendance. Good training.

SOP/SOG COMMITTEE REPORT: The Committee is currently going through the handbook to see if anything needs updated.

PATEROS REPORT: Chief Kerry Heen reported firefighters responded to a few fire alarm calls at the hospital and a brush fire that were cancelled while in route.

Firefighters completed SCBA, Search & Rescue, hydrant, hose and nozzle training. R&M was completed on E1511.

Thanks were expressed to the Pateros Treehouse and The Church of Christ, Brewster Market Place, District Chief, Fire District 15 EMS for their contributions on this day.

BREWSTER REPORT: Chief Victor Vargas reported firefighters responded to a few wildland-fire calls (controlled burns), an MVA incident involving a truck and horse and an equipment fire at a local grower feed lot.

Maintenance was completed on SCBA Air packs before the live burn.

ROCKY BUTTE REPORT: Captain Sal Rodriguez reported firefighters completed training at Pateros in the vent trailer with Brewster firefighters. A few firefighters attended the live fire training at Pateros.

Douglas County PUD installed the exterior light at Rocky Butte Station.

METHOW REPORT: Chief Joe Kitzman reported Methow was quiet. Firefighters assisted with recruit class. Firefighter training completed included Search & Rescue, fire flow path and structure fire training at Pateros. R&M was completed on trucks and building maintenance is ongoing.

EMS DIRECTOR REPORT: Tonya reported employees received training on the use of the new stretchers on Friday and the first real action use occurred today on an emergency call. Discussion held. The new stretchers weigh 250 pounds, are automatic electronic controlled and have a weight capacity of 750 pounds.

#### Resolution 01-2021 Refund

Chris/Eric moved and seconded to approve the refund resolution to Kaiser Permanente in the amount of \$510.72. Motion carried.

COVID19 Vaccination Clinics & Testing events are ongoing. Discussion held. Reimbursement for services will be received from Okanogan County through an MOU agreement. All direct costs including staffing, food, coffee, print expenses are reimbursable for the events.

#### COVID19 Vaccine Clinic Additional Pay

Lonnie/Eric moved and seconded to pay all Fire District & EMS employees, Fire District Volunteers, Ambulance Volunteers additional duty pay for each Vaccine Clinic Day at the special assignment rate \$125 per event where they assisted for the duration of the vaccine clinic event. Motion carried.

GEMT program revenue is expected to be received in the amount of \$36,534.07 and we still have some FEMA reimbursements expected in the amount of \$32,485.16.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:57 PM.

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Kaylee Jensen, Board Secretary

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Lonnie Fenton, Chairman