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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 7:01 p.m. after completing role call to establish a quorum was present.

REMOTE ATTENDANCE BY PHONE OR COMPUTER: Commissioners Chris Bailey, Kris Erlandsen, Lonnie Fenton, Tim Baird, and F. Eric Zahn, Secretary Kaylee Jensen, EMS Director Tonya Vallance, District Chief Bill Vallance, Methow Station Chief Joe Kitman, Brewster Station Chief Victor Vargas, and Rocky Butte Station Captain Sal Rodriguez

Commissioner Kris Erlandsen joined the meeting a few minutes late.

Consent Agenda

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Minutes 06/14/2021 regular meeting,

Vouchers 06-28-2021, 07-12-2021

Fire District

June 28, 2021 Financials amounting to \$5,446.74

June 28, 2021 Payroll amounting to \$7,928.24

July 12, 2021 Financials amounting to \$11,124.24

July 12, 2021 Payroll amounting to \$12,172.98

Ambulance

June 28, 2021 Financials amounting to \$2,910.96

June 28, 2021 Payroll amounting to \$20,317.78

July 12, 2021 Financials amounting to \$13,592.11

July 12, 2021 Payroll amounting to \$27,722.16

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

SECRETARY REPORT: The June Secretary report was provided to the Commissioners prior to the meeting. Okanogan County Treasurers office has corrected an error with State Mobe funds receipted in reverse order (FD-EMS, EMS-FD) in July.

DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Chief Vallance reported pump testing was completed on all District trucks except one that was out of service for R&M.

GMC Kodiak DNR Surplus truck (B1523) has been put into service and is currently being used by the DNR COOP truck crew. A 2005 Dodge (B1551) has been moved to Bridgeport for response around Bridgeport and other places in the District where support may be needed. Dispatch will tone Bridgeport to District calls and firefighters are eager to train with the District.

Chief Vallance discussed participation on a Type 3 incident response team. Discussion held. There were no objections. Chief Kitman inquired about providing backfill and Chief Vallance will meet with him to discuss further and come up with a plan.

SOP/SOG COMMITTEE REPORT: Nothing to report.

PATEROS REPORT: Chief Kerry Heen was absent.

BREWSTER REPORT: Chief Victor Vargas reported firefighters responded to a vehicle fire, 6 wildland fire calls and an MVA incident.

Firefighters held a successful pancake event for the public.

Firefighter plans to do hydrant training was deferred to a later time due to the City of Brewster had some water problems and water use restrictions in effect.

ROCKY BUTTE REPORT: Captain Sal Rodriguez reported Rocky Butte was quiet.

Firefighters are still coordinating training with Brewster and are trying to stay out of the heat.

METHOW REPORT: Chief Joe Kitzman reported Methow held their annual 4th of July Parade event. Firefighters responded along with the rest of District from the event to an MVA incident.

EMS DIRECTOR REPORT: Tonya reported most of the COVID19 prohibitions have been lifted, except a phone in option at minimum is still in effect for in person meetings. Commissioners were in support of resuming meetings at ambulance hall and following whatever guidelines are still in effect at the time. Mask will be required for anyone not vaccinated.

COVID19 update was given.

A Maternity/Paternity Leave Policy was discussed. A draft policy was available to add to discussion.

Tim/Eric moved and seconded to approve the Maternity/Paternity leave policy with updates including continuation of employer paid medical benefits while on leave for a period of 12 weeks. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioners will be provided a copy of the updated policy when it is available to sign.

The State of Washington Long Term Care tax was discussed. Census information was provided to Gallagher and we are waiting to see what options and rates would be available as an alternative LTC option. Discussion held.

Commissioners were in support of looking at an alternative plan due to the State mandated option lifetime benefit would be exceeded quick. More information will be provided to the board at another meeting.

An increase to the payroll account was discussed. A resolution will be drafted for August regular Commissioner meeting.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Commissioner Vallance dedication plaque was discussed. The plaque has been ordered but it is unknown at this time when it will be finished and delivered. Discussion held.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:57 PM.

Kaylee Jensen, Board Secretary

Lonnie Fenton, Chairman