

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, Methow Station Chief Nolan Tonseth, Methow Station Captain Dave Sorensen, and firefighter Bruce Henne

REMOTE ATTENDANCE BY PHONE OR COMPUTER: Commissioners Tim Baird

Consent Agenda

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Minutes 04/10/2023 regular meeting,

Vouchers 04-24-2023, 05-08-2023

Fire District

April 24, 2023 Financials amounting to \$6,621.79

April 24, 2023 Payroll/EFT amounting to \$11,638.02

May 08, 2023 Financials amounting to \$8,920.16

May 08, 2023 Payroll/EFT amounting to \$4,552.23

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April 24, 2023 Financials amounting to \$9,199.14

April 24, 2023 Payroll/EFT amounting to \$17,141.52

May 08, 2023 Financials amounting to \$39,769.73

May 08, 2023 Payroll/EFT amounting to \$10,228.46

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

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

DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Chief Vallance reported Engine #1 fire truck has been transported to True North Equipment. District Chief planned to travel to inspect and take possession of the truck so the payment process could be completed through Local Loan Program. Engine #2 was expected to be completed late May and the District should receive it in June. Discussion held.

DNR operational grant apparatus search is underway. Pateros Firefighters had located a 2013 Mack truck and quote information was reviewed by Commissioners. The price was higher than the grant funds available and the seller offered \$25,000 for a trade-in of T1511 Kenworth. Chief Vallance stated he was concerned with going over the grant amount due to all the other extraordinary expenditures we currently have and uncertainty we may want to keep looking. Pros were the truck was already under a forest contract before so it comes already partially outfitted. Discussion held.

Co-op truck update was given. Seasonal hire position was filled with a start date of May 15, 2023.

The Fire District had 42 calls since last meeting and 157 incidents year to date.

SOP/SOG COMMITTEE REPORT: Nothing to report.

PATEROS REPORT: Bruce Henne reported firefighters responded to 4 calls including a structure fire, a Wildland fire, an activated fire alarm and a controlled burn. Firefighters responded with 3 trucks to a fire call with Methow firefighters on SR 153. Firefighters completed Pack tests, Wildland Shelter training and maintenance. Extrication training will be scheduled at Shull's.

METHOW REPORT: Chief Nolan Tonseth reported firefighters responded to 1 fire call. Firefighters completed Wildland fire and shelter training.

BREWSTER REPORT: Chief Victor Vargas reported a controlled burn call, 4 false alarms or cancelled in route. Firefighters completed Pack tests and have shelter training to do. Firefighters will be completing some burning before the burn ban goes into effect.

ROCKY BUTTE REPORT: Chief Sal Rodriguez reported firefighters responded to a fire call with Brewster. A R&M issue was reported, taillights were not working on the brush truck. All fire calls reported were controlled burns.

Firefighters completed Wildland fire training and pack tests.

EMS DIRECTOR REPORT: Tonya reported the GEMT SF2022 was received, and the District will receive \$97,826.66. Discussion held.

COVID19 test kits distribution is in process every Wednesday, each kit contains 5 tests available to those that want them.

Medicare update is still in progress. Discussion held.

SAO Audit is complete, and the published report was available at the meeting.

Commissioner Kitzman attended the Exit Audit and shared the Auditors verbal remarks "As good as it gets."

Resolution 04-2023 Bad Debt

Eric/Joe moved and seconded a motion to approve and send to collections and write-off bad debt in the amount of \$14,660.63. Motion carried.

Resolution 05-2023 Check cancellations

Joe/Eric moved and seconded to approve resolution 05-2023 check cancellations. Motion carried.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: District Chief job requirements were discussed. In-house advertisement for the District Chief position was posted the week prior, but no applicants had reached out yet. Discussion held. Commissioners directed the Chiefs to let their volunteers know if they are interested in the position, they should make it known. If there is no interest in-house, in a few weeks the position will be advertised outside the agency.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:07 PM.