

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 Lonnie Fenton at 6:00 p.m. at the Ambulance Hall.

IN ATTENDANCE: Commissioners Lonnie Fenton, Chris Bailey, Kris Erlandsen and F. Eric Zahn, Secretary Kaylee Jensen, EMS Director Tonya Vallance and District Chief Bill Vallance, Methow Station Chief Joe Kitzman, Pateros Station Chief Kerry Heen and Brewster Station Chief Victor Vargas, Rocky Butte Station Chief Sal Rodriguez and guest Steve Brewer (True North Emergency Equipment Sales Rep)

REMOTE ATTENDANCE BY PHONE OR COMPUTER: Commissioner Tim Baird

Consent Agenda

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Minutes 01/10/2022 regular meeting, 01/20/2022 special meeting, 02/14/2022 special meeting

Vouchers 01-24-2022, 02-14-2022, 02-28-2022, 03-14-2022

Fire District

January 24, 2022 Financials amounting to \$2,632.19
January 24, 2022 Payroll amounting to \$11,111.40
February 14, 2022 Financials amounting to \$943.10
February 14, 2022 Payroll amounting to \$4,588.53
February 28, 2022 Financials amounting to \$1,662.65
February 28, 2022 Payroll amounting to \$6,518.86
March 14, 2022 Financials amounting to \$2,493.31
March 14, 2022 Payroll amounting to \$6,331.05

Ambulance

January 24, 2022 Financials amounting to \$5,014.99
January 24, 2022 Payroll amounting to \$17,924.62
February 14, 2022 Financials amounting to \$5,829.24
February 14, 2022 Payroll amounting to \$12,658.51
February 28, 2022 Financials amounting to \$3,389.44
February 28, 2022 Payroll amounting to \$17,730.53
March 14, 2022 Financials amounting to \$18,597.97
March 14, 2022 Payroll amounting to \$14,308.31

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

SECRETARY REPORT: The February Secretary report was studied by the Commissioners. The Secretary reported February second voucher expenses in March due to County issue date.

The Chairman announced a change to the agenda order, Tonya would report before Bill.

EMS DIRECTOR REPORT: Tonya reported updated guidelines were released from L&I on masking and vaccinations. Mask and vaccination requirements were still in effect for those with patient contact.

COVID19 update was given.

PERC/Teamsters 760 was briefly discussed.

USDA grant update was given. Some of the additional funding that was offered may not be extended. Tonya will work with USDA to negotiate the funding shortfall.

Tonya reported new legislation passed which allows law enforcement to respond with EMS again when needed. Discussion held.

An addendum was added to the sick leave policy for guidelines on use of sick leave in the employee long-term Sick bank.

Sick Leave policy update

Eric/Chris moved and seconded to approve the sick leave policy update. Motion carried unanimously.

DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Chief Vallance reported DNR grants are available, and he will be submitting applications. Discussion held.

DNR Coop seasonal position has been listed and applications need to be submitted by April 9, 2022.

Apparatus update was given. Chief Vallance introduced Steve Brewer and let him explain why the apparatus ordered will be delayed. A power point presentation was shown that outlined material costs increases and issues that are affecting our project. International sent a letter assessing a \$2500 surcharge per chassis and Commissioners signed the change order to keep our project moving forward. Steve assured Commissioners that he would try to see if True North Emergency Equipment would share the cost for the International surcharge.

Rev sent a letter requesting a 2% surcharge on all equipment being built under contract. This surcharge hasn't been accepted at this time.

Steve reported he reached out to Local Loan and there is no problem with our funding as we have 18 months to spend the proceeds of the loan. Expected delivery date was now expected to be November 2022 to January 2023.

SOP/SOG COMMITTEE REPORT: Nothing to report.

PATEROS REPORT: Chief Kerry Heen reported firefighters completed SCBA quarterlies, basic rope training, and dugout hydrants in January.

Firefighters responded to 7 calls since last report.

Firefighters will be hosting a car wash to benefit John Goyne. Discussion held.

BREWSTER REPORT: Chief Victor Vargas reported firefighters responded to 1 MVA incident, a camper fire and assisted EMS on a call.

Firefighters completed S&R, HIPPA, and blood borne pathogens training.

ROCKY BUTTE REPORT: Chief Sal Rodriguez reported Rocky Butte was quiet. A few calls had been received before being cancelled. Firefighters continue to train with Brewster Firefighters.

METHOW REPORT: Chief Joe Kitzman reported firefighters responded to a structure fire in the town of Methow. There was a good response and minimal damage. Firefighters completed SCBA quarterly training, structure fire training and maintenance on tools and apparatus.

The attendees of the meeting moved outside where we were joined by a lot of the public and family as well as those remotely connected that could not be in person to begin the EMS Station Ceremony and plaque dedication. A nice ceremony and memorial was held for Commissioner Ivan Vallance dedicating the EMS building located at 412 Indian Avenue in Brewster.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:12 PM.

Kaylee Jensen, Board Secretary

Lonnie Fenton, Chairman