

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 Ike Vallance at 7:00 p.m. at the Ambulance Hall.

IN ATTENDANCE: 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 and Rocky Butte Station Captain Sal Rodriguez and guest Helen Zahn

Consent Agenda

Board Consent Agenda

Minutes 02/10/20 regular meeting, 02/27/20 special meeting

Vouchers 02-24-20, 03-09-20

Fire District

February 24, 2020 Financials amounting to \$2,019.56

February 24, 2020 Payroll amounting to \$5,294.47

March 09, 2020 Financials amounting to \$10,032.57

March 09, 2020 Payroll amounting to \$3,172.27

Ambulance

February 24, 2020 Financials amounting to \$2,765.87

February 24, 2020 Payroll amounting to \$16,420.43

March 02, 2020 Payroll \$42,625.68 (1/27, 2/10, 2/24 combined total paid)

March 09, 2020 Financials amounting to \$18,059.87

March 09, 2020 Payroll amounting to \$10,170.24

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

SECRETARY REPORT: The February Secretary report was studied by the Commissioners.

DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Chief Vallance reported DNR phase 1 grant order will be processed for PPE & tools. The District share of the cost is 50%.
DNR COOP engine seasonal hire was discussed. Chief Vallance requested to extend the length of service to begin approximately May 04, 2020 to October 31, 2020 with the new hire working the month of May for the District before the DNR contract begins in June. Commissioners approved the request. Advertisements for the position will be posted this week.

AFG grant application was submitted in the amount of \$126,684 for Extrication equipment. The District share of the grant will be \$6334 if awarded.

Methow property was discussed. A letter was received from the Pateros School District. The property will be for sale and the buyer will be told that the Fire District is interested in a boundary adjustment.

The volunteer appreciation event was discussed. Commissioners were in support of postponement of the event.

SOP/SOG COMMITTEE REPORT: Chief Vallance reported the committee is working on the language to not allow Explorer Firefighter participation during school hours. Discussion held. The committee will meet soon to work on a Communication plan.

PATEROS REPORT: Chief Keith Zweigle reported firefighters responded to an MVA, a fire alarm call (an accidental set alarm) at the Pateros High School and assisted Brewster firefighters with a car fire. Firefighters received First Aid, AED, tourniquet training and completed R&M on trucks.

BREWSTER REPORT: Chief Victor Vargas reported firefighters responded to an MVA incident, a car fire, and a 2-acre brush fire on Jack Wells Road. Firefighters completed a Search & Rescue training, SCBA drills and completed vehicle maintenance. Firefighters are preparing for wildland season and checking to see what gear may be needed.

ROCKY BUTTE REPORT: Captain Sal Rodriguez reported Rocky Butte had been quiet. The 5 Ton truck was ready for fire response on the Jack Wells Road incident, but volunteers were not available at the time to assist Brewster firefighters. Firefighters continue to train with Brewster firefighters.

METHOW REPORT: Chief Joe Kitzman reported firefighters responded to a grass fire which was started by a tree that came down on the power line. Firefighters have been preparing for Wildland season and the brush truck has been moved outdoors. A Coronavirus update was received.

EMS DIRECTOR REPORT: Tonya reported a Coronavirus update had been received just prior to the meeting. Discussion held.

EMS Levy signs are posted, and videos will be automatically posted on social media and the Fire District website daily.

EMS Levy information will be given to the public on KOZI radio this week.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Commissioner Baird met with the City of Brewster and reported the City would like to get a new Fire truck and at that time the District will need to move a truck out of the building. Discussion held.

Long-term district plans for an alternate Brewster Fire Station need to be reviewed.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:38 PM.

Kaylee Jensen, Board Secretary

Ike Vallance, Chairman