

DOUGLAS OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 15
APPROVED MINUTES

Methow Community Hall

Methow, WA

A special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Douglas Okanogan County Fire District 15 began at 9:45 a.m. at the Methow Community Hall.

IN ATTENDANCE: Commissioners Chris Bailey, Lonnie Fenton, F. Eric Zahn, Secretary Kaylee Jensen, EMS Director Tonya Vallance, District Chief Bill Vallance, Helen Zahn and Methow Community Members

Commissioners Ike Vallance and Tim Baird were absent.

Introductions of Fire District Commissioners and staff present were done.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed Fire District acquisition of the Methow Community Hall with the Methow Community members. The Fire District would like 30-50 feet of the land to add a bay to the existing Methow Fire Hall. The Pateros School District has proposed selling the building and land to the Fire District for \$50,000. A boundary adjustment will be done to allow for the addition of the bay to the Fire Station, if the District proceeds with the acquisition. Discussion was held. The Methow Community members meet every Tuesday in the Common building and there is usually 20-30 community members present. The Community member group has paid for maintenance and utilities on the building. The school district contributed about \$500 to update some electrical components. The Community group doesn't want to own the building, because they wouldn't be able to pay the property taxes for the Riverfront property. The original agreement the community has with the school was shared. If the Fire District acquires the building the Community group would fill out a Facility Use Agreement. There may be an agreement that states the Community group will continue paying the utilities and minor R&M of the building. Individuals or groups requesting to use the facility for events would submit a facility use request for each event to the Fire District.

EMS Levy Rate and Election date discussion was postponed.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:34AM.

Kaylee Jensen, Board Secretary

Ike Vallance, Chairman