

Special Meeting 02-14-2022 1

DOUGLAS OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 15
APPROVED MINUTES

Ambulance Hall

Brewster, WA

A special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Douglas Okanogan County Fire District 15 was called to order by Chairman Lonnie Fenton at 1:03 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

REMOTE ATTENDANCE BY PHONE OR COMPUTER: Commissioner Tim Baird joined the meeting before 1:17pm

Tonya reported the Public Consulting Group (PCG) contract had been reviewed by the District attorney and some changes for compliance with Washington state laws were completed prior to the contract being signed. A business agreement was also provided and signed.

Tonya met with Bridgeport to discuss the Bridgeport Automatic Aid response agreement contract. Discussion held.

A situation that happened at the Douglas County Treasurers office was discussed. The District discussed reviewing the bond coverage available to admin employees with the broker to cover Secretary, EMS Director and District Chief in case of errors or mistakes as penalty can be a significant liability to the District and employees.

COVID19 update was given. Tonya reported the cots the District submitted to FEMA wasn't going to be covered. The equipment had been covered for other entities in the State and Tonya expressed her frustrations with the FEMA representatives during a phone call. After that Tonya met with DOH/FEMA liaison and discussed the contributions the District is making toward COVID19 response and what had been billed for services. Discussion held.

A retro supplement Invoice was sent to Okanogan County MOU for equipment charges and the special assignment pay that had not been billed or reimbursed for 2021. The building rent rate was discussed due to higher power bill costs because of the vaccine clinics. Tonya asked for board approval for an increase to \$3500 for building rental fee being charged for both stations. Commissioners approved the request.

Chief Vallance discussed utilizing publics surplus.com for disposing of items no longer needed by the District which includes snowmobiles, cascade air bottles, etc..

The District can still publish an ad locally, but the bidder would go through the site to bid and pay for the item with credit card or EFT.

The Secretary noted an inquiry needs to be sent to the Treasurers office to see if they would allow funds to be deposited into their account for these transactions.

True North Emergency equipment has indicated a delay in apparatus completion due to COVID19 and International Chassis being backlogged. Discussion held.

An invite will be sent to the representative to attend next regular board meeting to explain.

The Secretary asked if the District Chief would like to reach out to local loan representative and see how that affects the funding and what other costs the District may incur as a result.

Polaris and Wenatchee Power sports have reported delay in completion of the UTV side by sides too.

Tonya reported the new ambulances are now delayed to June 2022. Cots have been ordered and loading components and road armor have been ordered and drop shipped to the vendor for installation during the build.

DNR Coop seasonal position was discussed. Advertisement usually occurs in March and the position is filled in April to begin mid-May.

Resolution 01-2022 Change to regular meeting time

Kris/Eric moved and seconded to approve resolution 01-2022 changing the meeting time from 7pm to 6pm on the second Monday of each month. Motion carried unanimously.

2021 RUNS, ETC: Chief Vallance presented a presentation (including Call volume, apparatus, top responders, training participation, etc.) showing Fire and Ambulance 2021 year in review. The Fire District had 170 calls and EMS had 556 calls. Discussion held.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:17 PM.

Kaylee Jensen, Board Secretary

Lonnie Fenton, Chairman