

Regular Meeting 03-13-2023 1

DOUGLAS OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 15
APPROVED MINUTES

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, Pateros Station Assistant Chief Matthew Coffman, Methow Station Chief Nolan Tonseth and Methow Station Captain Dave Sorensen

REMOTE ATTENDANCE BY PHONE OR COMPUTER: Commissioners Tim Baird

Consent Agenda

Board Consent Agenda

Minutes 02/13/2023 regular meeting, 03/09/2023 special meeting

Vouchers 02-27-2023, 03-13-2023

Fire District

February 27, 2023 Financials amounting to \$59,138.57

February 27, 2023 Payroll/EFT amounting to \$5,249.19

March 13, 2023 Financials amounting to \$10,152.90

March 13, 2023 Payroll/EFT amounting to \$4,943.58

Ambulance

February 27, 2023 Financials amounting to \$28,345.97

February 27, 2023 Payroll/EFT amounting to \$15,137.46

March 13, 2023 Financials amounting to \$8,243.61

March 13, 2023 Payroll/EFT amounting to \$10,686.75

Chris/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 Commissioners.

DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Chief Vallance reported a conference call with True North Emergency Equipment and Spartan was done. Delays for delivery of the Chassis have been occurring at International due to compounding issues because of supply chain issues; pandemic, invasion of Ukraine, etc. One Chassis is scheduled for delivery to Spartan the first week of April and the other should be delivered a few weeks later. The District will transfer the FEPP DNR truck (B1512) to Okanogan Co. Fire District 10 (Loomis).

The new C1501 has been acquired and the registration licensing has been completed.
Discussion held.

The District was awarded an Operational Grant in the amount of \$100,000 toward the purchase of a new Tender and a DNR Phase 2 grant in the amount of \$12,000 for nozzles for the new Fire Engine trucks. A Phase 3 grant application for a front remote nozzle is still pending.

The District held a successful live burn training February 25, 2023, approximately 25

firefighters attended including 5 new recruits.

A Volunteer Recruitment/Retention Appreciation dinner and training was held March 11, 2023 at the Legion hall in Brewster.

SOP/SOG COMMITTEE REPORT: Nothing to report.

PATEROS REPORT: Assistant Chief Matthew Coffman reported firefighters responded to 2 MVA incidents, 2 activated fire alarm calls and a structure fire.

Firefighters completed Pump Ops training and extrication training at Shull's Towing yard. Firefighters spent about 5 hours training the new recruits in preparation for the live burn training.

METHOW REPORT: Chief Nolan Tonseth reported firefighters responded to 1 MVA incident. Firefighters completed training, radio, and equipment maintenance.

BREWSTER REPORT: Chief Victor Vargas was absent. Chief Vallance reported firefighters responded to 4 MVA incidents and 1 false alarm. Firefighters completed live fire training, SCBA and training at the Rocky Butte maze. An award ceremony was held to recognize firefighters for their efforts.

ROCKY BUTTE REPORT: Chief Sal Rodriguez was absent.

EMS DIRECTOR REPORT: Tonya reported on the progress of the SAO Accountability Audit. Volunteer Recruitment/Retention Appreciation dinner was an exit item followed up on in the current Audit. The District didn't have any events since the last Audit. A policy will need to be drafted and the current Auditor gave us recommendations for what to include in a policy to support the Districts position that these costs are a benefit to the community and the District. The policy recommendations were shared and Commissioners continued to support the costs and directed Admin staff to work on a policy to include all the details discussed.

Medicare Audit is still in progress.

An AEMT class will begin in April for the two new employees. Discussion held.

COVID19 update. Department of Health is working on a contract with the District to provide continued testing until July 2023. Discussion held. An order of 2800 tests had been ordered for the community and more would be ordered.

Resolution 01-2023 Refund HCA GEMT

Joe/Eric moved and seconded to approve resolution 01-2023 to issue the refund in the amount of \$569.50 that is due after final settlement SFY 2020 GEMT. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:48 PM.