

Regular Meeting 05-09-2022 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 Lonnie Fenton at 6:04 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 Rocky Butte Station Chief Sal Rodriguez

REMOTE ATTENDANCE BY PHONE OR COMPUTER:

***Consent Agenda***

**Board Consent Agenda**

Minutes 04/11/2022 regular meeting

Vouchers 04-25-2022, 05-09-2022

Fire District

April 25, 2022 Financials amounting to \$2,691.29

April 25, 2022 Payroll amounting to \$10,957.68

May 09, 2022 Financials amounting to \$7,852.11

May 09, 2022 Payroll amounting to \$4,299.20

Ambulance

April 25, 2022 Financials amounting to \$4,206.38

April 25, 2022 Payroll amounting to \$18,461.76

May 09, 2022 Financials amounting to \$43,000.61

May 09, 2022 Payroll amounting to \$12,610.92

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

SECRETARY REPORT: The April Secretary report was studied by the Commissioners. Local Loan interest only payment due June 01, 2022 funds have been transferred from General to Bond for the Okanogan County Treasurer to complete the payment.

DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Chief Vallance reported firefighters were getting ready for Wildland fire season, completing trainings, and getting red cards ready. DNR Coop truck update was given. Only one application had been received and the person didn't meet the States vaccination requirement for the position. Chief Vallance is determining whether the position can be filled with a commitment from District volunteers or if we will forego participation this year.

Chief Vallance requested Commissioners consider acquisition of a new command truck. Discussion held. Commissioners reviewed a few trucks the District Chief was looking at and suggested possibly trading in the current command truck with trade-in values higher than usual.

A burn training was scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2022.

SOP/SOG COMMITTEE REPORT: Nothing to report.

PATEROS REPORT: Chief Kerry Heen reported firefighters completed Life Flight training, wildland refresher, District training and pack tests. Firefighters responded to 1 structure fire, 5 wildland fire calls, 2 MVA incidents and 1 lift assist with EMS. Firefighters completed R&M, B1513 battery maintenance, and getting trucks ready for wildland season.

BREWSTER REPORT: Chief Victor Vargas was absent. A report was sent prior to the meeting to the District Chief. Firefighters responded to 2 wildland fire calls, assisted Pateros with 1 wildland fire call and 1 MVA incident. Firefighters completed wildland fire training refresher, portable pump training and completed pack tests last week.

ROCKY BUTTE REPORT: Chief Sal Rodriguez reported firefighters completed wildland refresher, portable pumps training and joined Brewster firefighters for pack tests. It has been quiet on the Bridgeport bar; no calls were received.

METHOW REPORT: Chief Joe Kitzman reported firefighters completed shelter and Pump ops training and Pack tests were scheduled for the following Thursday. A few calls were received for semi out of control burns.

EMS DIRECTOR REPORT: Tonya reported she and Commissioner Bailey completed an interview to fill an open EMS position and she was ready to send out a job offer to the applicant. If the job offer is accepted the start date will be June 01, 2022.

COVID19 update was given.

An updated Bridgeport Automatic response agreement was presented for a signature. The only modification to the previous agreement was the billing rate increases. Tonya reported after meeting with Bridgeport to discuss the agreement and rate increases Bridgeport is responding to their calls more.

No Union update was available. Nothing to report.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:27 PM.

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Kaylee Jensen, Board Secretary

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Lonnie Fenton, Chairman