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DOUGLAS OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 15
APPROVED MINUTES

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Brewster, WA

A special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Douglas Okanogan County Fire District 15 was called to order by Commissioner Lonnie Fenton at 6:02 p.m.

REMOTE ATTENDANCE BY PHONE OR COMPUTER: Commissioners Chris Bailey, Lonnie Fenton, Tim Baird, and F. Eric Zahn, Secretary Kaylee Jensen, EMS Director Tonya Vallance, District Chief Bill Vallance, Methow Station Chief Joe Kitzman, Brewster Station Chief Victor Vargas, Rocky Butte Station Captain Sal Rodriguez, and Firefighter Thomas Steggall
Commissioner Kris Erlandsen was absent.

Lonnie announced that the meeting was being held to continue discussions regarding the Acquisition of Apparatus and to discuss Ivan Vallance memorial.

District Chief gave an overview of Apparatus and funding options discussed at the regular meeting. Financing available through Rev was at 2.98% and Local Loan was under 1% for their last funding sale.

Commissioner Bailey inquired as to what it would take to get started on the build. The deadline to sign the contract was reported to be April 30, 2021.

Chief Vallance has a membership application into Source well but has not heard back from them yet.

District finances, short-term and long-term Apparatus needs and other financial options including levy lid lift in the future if needed were discussed.

The cost of Apparatus is only going to get more expensive and the interest rates available are low and will likely increase in the future.

Apparatus Contract Approval

Tim/Chris moved and seconded to allow District Chief to enter in contract with True North Emergency Equipment/Spartan for the build of two new Apparatus Engines.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners expressed they would like to move ahead with the Local Loan Funding application process. Funding will be sought through Rev later if the Local Loan is not approved.

Chief Vallance discussed the memorial plans for Ivan Vallance memorial and suggested a dedication and Celebration of life to be held sometime in July when family members are in town.

Commissioners had discussed naming a station in memorial. Chief Vallance expressed appreciation and an alternate suggestion was made of a plaque memorial to be placed at the entrance to the Ambulance Hall. Commissioners approved of the suggestion and requested Chief Vallance obtain more information and pricing to pursue that option.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:39 PM.

Kaylee Jensen, Board Secretary

Lonnie Fenton, Chairman