**Business Meeting Minutes July 10, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 pm. Present were Commissioner Chair Molly Olson, Vice Commissioner Chair Pat Sample and Commissioners Kate Hayes, Jason Lavinsky and Doug Rupp. Also present were Chief Eric Andrews, Asst Chief Ernie Walters, MSA Pete Parrish, Battalion Chiefs Brandon Vargas, Scott Coulson and Rob Thurston, and Karen McPeters (recorder).

**Public Commentary:** No public commentary

**EXECUTIVE**

**Community Wildfire Plan:** The committee has completed the survey portion on the plan and will be advertising to the public to participate.

**Pano Cameras –** The Pano AI cameras have been active. While they have not had to alert for a fire in their immediate detection area, they have alerted for recent fires from Chelan County: both the Pioneer fire near Lake Chelan  and the Shoefly fire this week near the nordic area of Stevens Pass.

**Mobilizations –** State fire mobilizations have been very active. Crews left today for prepositioning in Kittitas County for a forecasted significant wind and hot weather event.

**Water Rescue -** The district has seen summer water rescue activity increase. Eagle Falls is very active with one drowning and two near drownings so far this past month, and one near drowning near Big Eddy. Social media is very active on this subject with calls for closing areas, fining and charging costs to victims. We have placed additional signage at Eagle Falls.

**OPERATIONS (Chief Walters)**

**Facilities:**

**Station 53 –** Completed the water damage repair to the wall and flooring.  Still waiting for another bid for the new HVAC system. We’re hoping to get the new system in by the end of the month.

The plan is to have the kitchen and classroom completed by the time the EMT class starts at the end of August.

**Station Generators:** Still waiting for the approval of the generator grant.

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**AFG Grant:** We submitted for reimbursement for the Vehicle Exhaust System and received it in the amount of $ 162,737.65. Our share was $ 8,565.14. There is a surplus of money left over from the grant ($13,600)  that we might be able to use for other equipment.

Walters plans to write an addendum to the grant to see if we can use these unused funds for an ultrasonic cleaner for the district.

**Apparatus:**

**Rescue 54:** The rescue was brought down to Kenworth and was repaired.  It was repaired quicker than expected and the cost was a little bit cheaper ($9,700).

**New Br54:** The new chassis has been ordered but has not currently been built. We are waiting for a few more items to be delivered and they should be here shortly.

We have started to dismantle the old BR-54 and have placed the storage boxes on the surplus website to recoup some money. We would like to surplus the chassis and try and get what money we can from it.

**New Aid Car:** The new aid car is still scheduled for delivery in late October of this year. Braun will be starting the process of cutting the metal for fabricating the box of the aid car next month.

**EMS (Chief Simmons / Chief Parrish)**

**Continuous Quality Improvement/Quality Assurance (CQI/QA):** All ESO electronic health reports (EHRs) have been assigned to the QA team through June.

Code Stat is caught up, and all Cardiac Arrest and Advanced Airways have been annotated.

**SCEMS:**Protocol updates for 2025 are completed**.**

**EMT Class:** So far 10 students have signed up for EMT classes, and planning is in progress.

**CPR Training:**No update

**Personnel:**Paramedic Travis Zimmerman accepted a job elsewhere and will not be pursuing a part time position with SVF.

Hired Paramedic Brendan Cleary from South County. He has completed his orientation and has already worked 2 shifts in July.

Still actively recruiting.

MSAs are discussing new system for medic onboarding and mentoring.

**June ALS coverage:** 91% (61.25 hours not covered out of 720 total hours)

**TRAINING / SUPPORT SERVICES (Chief Coulson / Chief Thurston)**

**Training:**New driver training is this week with the classroom portion on Thursday and the Rodeo on Saturday

Staff completed 361.25 hours of training in June for a total of 3612.25 for the year.

**Recruiting:**Orientation was completed on June 22nd. Eight new hires attended the

orientation and have started shadow shifts for a total of 14 new recruits this year. Eight people have gotten hired full time elsewhere. We will be recruiting resident firefighters at the end of the month and new members in August.

Current Personnel Count

Paid Staff 45 (0 openings)

Volunteers 44

Part Time Probationary Employee Status

Phase 1 - 3 members

Phase 2 - 0 members

Phase 3 - 0 members

Volunteer Probationary Employee Status

Phase 1 - 17 Members

Phase 2 - 1 Members

Phase 3 - 0 Members

Four of our members have been offered full-time positions with other departments. Tyler Knudson, Melissa McLennan and Krystal Moulton have accepted positions with South County Fire. Temesgen Zegergis has accepted a position with Puget Sound Fire. They will be leaving us at various points this summer. 4 more of our members have been selected for Chief’s interviews with other departments and we expect to lose them soon. Congratulations to them all.

9 new members will have orientation on the 22nd. Two of them will be enrolled in our EMT school this fall. The rest will start their probation process after orientation.

**Wildland Team:** There are 18 members with packs inspected, ready to go.

Secretary’s Report: No report.

Budget

Currently at 51%.

Minutes: Molly moved to approve the June minutes. With a second from Pat, the motion passed unanimously.

Vouchers: Molly moved to approve vouchers 24-302 through 335 for $47,915.86, and vouchers 24-336 through 340 for $9,284.64 and vouchers 12 and 13 from the Construction Fund for $96,487.51 and voucher 1 from the Apparatus Fund for $1,729.03. With a second from Pat, the motion passed unanimously.

Payroll: Molly moved to approve payroll in the amount of $155,899.12. With a second from Pat, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Commissioner Rupp presented an update on the Skyko wifi project. The current proposal would use CB radio service to supply wifi calling in the vicinity of the towers. Emergency vehicles would be able to access the signal in an area of about 3000 ft around the towers, and voice coverage would be available at about 600 feet around the towers. The proposal is to have repeaters along the Galena Road. Power would be required at the repeaters. The feasibility study is on budget.

Action Item

The old BR54 chassis is being disassembled and usable equipment removed for use on the new brush truck. The chassis itself will be surplused.

Pat moved to accept internal sealed bids for a minimum of $3,000, to be opened on August 13.

New Business

Commissioner Sample talked to Mayor Johnson of Index about the water line repairs. Pat is wondering about a pressure relief valve. AC Walters noted that the town received funding for engineering to discover the reason for the poor pressure. Also, Walters requested that all new hydrants have a special Storz fitting that allows quick hook up for fire dept hoses.

Commissioner Sample also requested an update on the training center project. Phase one has been completed, and we are in the design phase for the pole building.

Next regular meeting August 14, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 8:21