



MINUTES
Chelan Fire and Rescue
Commissioners Regular Meeting
Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at 4:00 P.M.
232 East Wapato, Chelan, WA



Commissioners in attendance: Tom Peters, Robert Gervais and Rick Nedrow

Staff in attendance: Chief Tim Lemon, AOM Carol Kibler and Capt. Patrick Moore.

See the list for other attendee's

Regular Meeting Call to order: Chairman Gervais opened the meeting and announced the Flag Salute.

Badge Pinning: Chairman Gervais gave the oath of office and Chief Lemon pinned the badges on volunteer personnel Kyle Byrne and Cameron Yarbrough.

Approve Agenda: Commissioner Nedrow **MOTIONED TO APPROVE** the agenda as submitted, Commissioner Peters seconded, and the motion was **UNANIMOUS**.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda: Commissioner Nedrow **MOTIONED TO APPROVE** the consent agenda as submitted, Commissioner Peters seconded, and the motion was **UNANIMOUS**.

- Revenue Report and Expenditure Report: June 2014
- Payroll: July 2014 \$108,862.82
- Vouchers for General Account: Voucher #714001 through #714005 for \$3,065.05; Voucher #714020 through #714033 for \$5,188.35; Voucher #714034 through #714047 for \$4,727.13; Voucher #714006 through 714019 for \$7,519.71.
- Vouchers for Capital Account: Voucher #14701 for \$147.60; Voucher #14702 for \$10,255.02; Voucher #1407002 for \$464.35
- Minutes: July 9, 2014.

Fire Chief Report: Chief Lemon reported:

Lt Worley and Chief Lemon have been summoned to give depositions September 25th regarding an emergency road access dispute between two residents of the south shore area.

The Districts Health Insurance, Trusteed Plans Services, will not increase medical premiums for 2015.

Engine 74 has been assigned to the smoke jumper base in Twisp as air crash protection for the Upper Falls Fire. They started this assignment on 08/07/2014 and will be there for the foreseeable future.

The employee on DL&I is recovering nicely and expects to return to work sometime in September. Upon return with a Doctors release, the employee will go through remedial training and competency evaluations before being reassigned to shift work in October.



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Capt. Pat Moore has been accepted to attend the Training Officer Training Program at the National Fire Academy (NFA) October 25 through November 2, 2014. The only cost to the district is for meals. NFA provides the room and reimburses for the plane ticket. The Commissioners approved Capt. Moore to attend.

We have two new volunteer applicants; Brandon Jonson and Christian Parker.

Station 75's new well head control module is being replaced. Bathroom fixtures will be completed when the water is turned on to the building.

Fire Response Report: Chief Lemon reported the fire district responded to 124 calls for emergency services during the month of July. This is the highest call volume in a month in the history of the fire district. Brush fires were significant this month involving 18 brush fire responses; five were State Mobilizations level responses, three were 3rd Alarm fires, five were 2nd Alarm fires and six were 1st Alarm fires. The member's total responses for the month were 532 responses; this is an average of five personnel per incident. Chief Lemon reviewed a couple of the large brush fires:

- Union Valley Structure/Brush Fire response that included a fully involved two vehicle storage building with vehicles in the building and a brush fire the size of a football field. Chief Lemon reported a ten minute response time by the first arriving fire engine and that the engine's crew was able to contain the fire until additional resources could arrive. The second apparatus arrived 12 minutes later. Chief Lemon stated the difference between a staffed station response vs. a home response in this case was an additional 12 minutes. Chief Lemon pointed out what that if the fire had been allowed to burn another 12 minutes before being engaged, the fire would not have been confined to an area the size of a football field, but instead would have been burned well into upper Union Valley.
- 25 Mile Creek Fire Burned 240 acres up Shady Pass Road, the Station 75 crew responded in force and while they were not able to completely contain the fire, they were able to retard the fire growth until additional resources from a 2nd and 3rd Alarm along with US Forestry and DNR could arrive. Chief Lemon stated that Jim Smooters with US Forestry played a measurable roll in stopping this fire through the coordination of air support.
- Pateros fire response; Chief Lemon briefed the Board of Fire Commissioners on what it was like rolling into Pateros the night the town burned. Chief Lemon spoke of the winds blowing smoke, ash, sparks and fire flames horizontally; tying-in with Chief Valance and directions to grab fire resources and start protecting structures. Chief Lemon had responded into Pateros with a lite-force that included Brush 71, Engines 74, 54 and Tender 75. Chief Lemon lead the lite-force to the area of town where the largest fires were burning (28 homes on fire) and successfully deployed the resources to stop the fire from consuming any additional structures. Chief Lemon commended Jason Baker, Jake Hepper (Brush 71), John Steiner, John Goyne, Willy Winkle, Jason Watson (Engine 74) James Belch (Tender 75) and Engine 54's crew from Manson Fire Department for stopping the fire in this area and not losing any additional structures after their arrival.



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Commissioner Peters commented on his observations following the Pateros fire call out, noting that all local emergency response agency leaders (Chelan Fire and Rescue, US Forestry local Ranger District, Department of Natural Resources, Chelan County Sheriff's Office etc...) came together and started developing a plan to protect Chelan if the fire came this way. Commissioner Peters commended the Fire Chief and his staff for their efforts and diligence in attending the briefing cooperative agency meetings and the support provided to the other agencies to include the California Type I Incident Management Team.

Fire Prevention: Chief Lemon reported that fire inspections and smoke detector programs continue to have positive results.

The Chelan Fire and Rescue participated in the Back To School Back Pack Give Away Fair and helped give out over 400 school back packs.

First Friday was staffed by our duty crew and off duty members who had a number of positive contacts with the public.

Chief Lemon reported receiving an excellent report on the engine from New York State. Johnny Synder and Jim Littlefield flew back east to take possession of the truck and are driving it back. They should return by next week.

Training: Capt. Moore reported Medstar Orientation provided classroom and field training to 35 members that logged 105 hours.

Company evaluations have been conducted for the three shifts.

NIMS compliance is at 93% for the district.

Capt. Moore reported on upcoming training classes: Dealing with Dementia Patients, Traffic Incident Management, National Fire Academy Incident Safety Officer training and Strategies and Tactics for the Initial Company Officer.

The FAA did not impose any restrictions on Chelan Fire and Rescue concerning the development of our live fire training props at Station 74. Capt. Moore is now working with the City of Chelan to move forward.



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Firefighters Association Report:

President Crandall reported the Association has a checking account balance of \$8,600.

The Association and auxiliary hosted the dinner and auction for Chelan Douglas Firefighters Association and raised \$1,400.00.

The Association and Auxiliary donated \$500.00 toward the Back To School Fair.

The Association is scheduled to host the Chelan Douglas Fire Chiefs/Commissioners Association September 24, 2014 dinner meeting at Station 71.

President Crandall reported that John Steiner received an American and State Flag along with the marching hardware for the honor guard from the Lake Chelan VFIS.

Unfinished Business:

Media Relations: Chief Lemon reported inviting all the local media to the meeting; KOZI and Go Lake Chelan indicated they would be attending. Wenatchee World and Lake Chelan Mirror have not responded at this time. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 20th at 1:00 and will be advertised as a special meeting.

New Business:

New Tender Proposal: Chief Lemon gave the Commissioners a proposal with three different options to address Tender 74 engine failure; sell Tender 74 as is and place the funds in the Capital Equipment Fund for later use, replace the engine and make other necessary repairs, purchase a second new tender. **Commissioner Peters MOTIONED to authorize up to \$10,000 as down payment on a new/used chassis and/or water truck to be built out as a tender. Commissioner Nedrow seconded, and the motion was UNANIMOUS.**

Green Nob Radio Repeater: Commissioner Peters asked about the Green Nob Radio Repeater project. Chief Lemon reported that Green Nob radio frequency station is moving slowly forward. We have requested the use of Chelan County Fire District 9 frequency and are waiting for an answer.

Agenda and Minutes: Commissioner Peters would like to see the draft minutes produced for review with in a week of the Board meeting. Commissioner Nedrow would like to see support material and or correspondence sent out with the agenda a week before the meeting. The meeting minutes will continue in the format they are presently in. The Fire Chief will continue to work with the District Secretary in the development of the draft minutes before they are reviewed by the Board. Chief Lemon also noted that changes to the draft minutes should be done formally by the entire Board.



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Special Event:

Chelan Douglas County Fire Chief's meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2014 at station 71.

Commissioner Peters was excused from the regular Commissioners meeting September 10, 2014

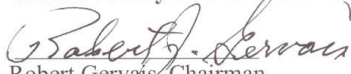
Executive Session: none

Adjournment: There being no more business before the board, the meeting closed at 5:20 p.m.

Board for Volunteer Firefighters:

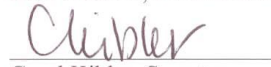
Invoice: Pacific Medical for Eric Sanderson in the amount of \$120 was approved and signed.

Chelan County Fire District 7 Commissioner:


Robert Gervais, Chairman


Rick Nedrow, Commissioner

Tom Peters, Commissioner


Carol Kibler, Secretary