



MINUTES  
Chelan Fire and Rescue  
Commissioners Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 4:00 P.M.  
232 East Wapato, Chelan, WA



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

**Staff in Attendance:** Chief Timothy Lemon, Captain Pat Moore and District Secretary Carol Kibler.

**Others in attendance:** see sign in sheet.

**Regular Meeting Call to order:** Chairman Nedrow opened the meeting at 16:00 and announced the flag Salute.

**Approve Agenda:** Commissioner Peters would like to add “communication about fires” under the Chiefs Report. **MOTION was made to APPROVE the agenda with the addition by Commissioner Peters and seconded by Commissioner Gervais, the motion carried.**

**Public Comment:** Resident Russ Jones thanked Captain Patrick Moore for his and his crews firefighting efforts in his neighborhood on the east end of town. Jones stated those homes would have been lost if not for the firefighting efforts. There was no expectation of firefighting support during the fire storm. Their support was greatly appreciated and thankful they showed up.

**Consent Agenda:** Commissioner Peters asked the board if they were ok with the revisions to the minutes. Chairman Nedrow agreed they were fine. **Commissioner Peters MOTIONED to APPROVE the consent agenda as submitted, Commissioner Gervais seconded, the MOTION CARRIED.**

- Revenue and Expenditure Report: June and July 2015
- Payroll: \$133,036.00 August 2015 paid 09-05-2015
- Vouchers for General Account: Voucher #82015001 through #82015015 for \$3,907.84; Voucher #82015025 through #82015039 for \$7,480.76; Voucher #82015040 through #82015051 for \$4,509.79; Voucher #82015052 through #82015059 for \$8,975.25.
- Vouchers for Capital Account: Voucher #2015801 through #2015802 for \$8,200.08; Voucher #2015803 for \$128.76.
- Minutes: August 12, 2015

**Fire Chief Report:**

- Chief Lemon reported that Green nob repeater is licensed and we can preload the frequencies in our radios.
- Chief Lemon reported that we found a company to hyperlink our maps and the company has donated the services at a cost savings of \$11,000.
- Chief Lemon reported we have two new volunteer applications – Nicholas Laughlin and Alfredo Anaya.



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**Facilities:** Chief Lemon reported we installed a new hot water tank at station 74. All other stations are doing great.

**Apparatus:** Tender 74 had a new radiator installed. Brush 71 is in Spokane for repairs following the engine fire, the estimated cost is around \$20,000, insurance should cover the cost. Engine 72 will need the officer side windshield replace, it was broke during the fires. Engine 79 has a leaking radiator, Mechanic Goyne is working on the repair.

We have been in communication with the Forest Service regarding the two Brush Engines through the DNR and are waiting on paperwork.

**Equipment:** Chief Lemon reported we lose 900' of wildland hose but were able to replace some of the hose through the fire camp cache supply. We did lose some structural hose and will inventory the amount lost so that we can replace it. Chief Lemon also stated any USFS hose/equipment need to be turned in so that it can be returned to the USFS.

**Chelan Fires update:**

**First Creek Fire:** still has resources assigned to patrol and extinguish remaining hot spots, as well as rehabilitate the interior fire lines constructed earlier.

**Wolverine Fire** – Work continues on the community protection line north of the Plain and Leavenworth areas. Contingency plans are being established in case the fire picks up activity and moves toward those community. Higher temperatures and lower relative humidity are projected for the weekend which may lead to an increase in fire behavior over the next several days. We are still in fire season and still have the potential to have other fires.

**Chelan Complex Fire Report:** Chief Lemon reported we had four working wildfires in our jurisdiction all at once Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> (Chelan Butte, Deer Mountain, Antoine Creek and 1<sup>st</sup> Creek Fire). We requested four Brush Fire Alarms, three structural fire alarms, one interface structural protection alarm, special request for strike teams out of Okanogan and Grant counties. And were approved for State Mobilization with 11 task forces being dispatched by 1300 hours on the first day. We requested support from the Wolverine Fire Incident Command Team and worked unified command with USFS, DNR, Wolverine IC, and CCSO. Personnel fought fire for the next 24 hours under initial attack and started getting some relief the next morning. Wolverine IC took the fire over the second day at 0600 hours.

CFR has requested narratives from our command officers and from the other agencies that participated in the IA (initial attack). We are still collecting the information, keeping in mind some of the agencies are still engaged in fighting fire throughout the region. As we move through the collection of data a report will be drafted to include an overview of the fires with the Rivercom911 log and the narratives collected.



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Commissioner Peters wanted to know if the community was going to have access to the report and would we have it available on our website. Chief Lemon responded yes. Commissioner Peters wanted to know if the report would be discussed for community groups. Chief Lemon said that could be arranged. Chief Lemon has scheduled this Tuesday to do an after action review with our officers and then with the volunteer members.

**Training:**

- Captain Moore reported lots of “on the job” training took place during the fires, the troops applied their wildland skills. Over 200 hours of training took place for the month of August.
- Captain Moore reported the training facility was put on hold due to the power outages and fires in the area. The iron workers will resume work and facility is scheduled to be completed by October.
- Search and Rescue prop should be completed by September 17<sup>th</sup> in time for the Recruit Academy scheduled to start September 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Firefighters Association Report:**

President Dan Wright reported the association meeting had a good turnout. The main focus was determining where the donated funds would go. The association will give \$1000 dollars to each of the families who lost a firefighter during the Twisp Fire. A \$1000 donation will also be given to the firefighter that was injured during the Twisp Fire. \$10,000 will be donated to Chelan Valley Hope fire victim fund. In addition to the donated funds the association received \$1,200 and those funds were included in the total amount given to Chelan Valley Hope.

**Events scheduled:**

- September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. - After Hours
- September 26<sup>th</sup> - Harvest Fest – Chelan Historic Down Town Association
- The association is organizing a BBQ for after the Veteran’s parade / November 11<sup>th</sup>.
- A celebration of life for Jerry Fisk – September 26<sup>th</sup> at Siren Song Winery.

**Unfinished Business**

**Equipment Desired Criteria and Estimated Costs:** Commissioner Peters handed out a form he drafted regarding truck specifications. Commissioner Peters suggested the apparatus committee use this form when researching apparatus replacement. The idea is to have a better recommendation with desired criteria and an estimated cost to figure into the budget. Discussion was held by the Board and they took no action.



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**New Business:**

**Interlocal Agreement** – Douglas County Fire District 4 / Mechanic Services Chief Lemon reported DCFD4 inquired about our mechanic services, initiated and signed the Interlocal agreement. **Commissioner Gervais MOTIONED to APPROVE the Interlocal Agreement with Douglas County Fire District 4 for CFR7 Mechanic Services; seconded by Commissioner Peters the motion was UNANIMOUS.**

Commissioner Peters reported he has completed the wage comparison for volunteer firefighters.

Chief Lemon completed his up-date on the 2015 goals and objectives and will give his report at the next commissioner meeting.

Commissioner Peters inquired about the multiple transfers to Capital and asked how the decision is being made for these transfers. Chief Lemon stated the capital expenditures were approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners in the budgeting process and the funds are transferred from the general account to cover capital expenditures as need.


**Special Event:** nothing to report.

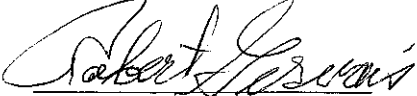
**Executive Session:** none

**Adjournment:** There being no more business before the board the meeting closed at 17:15

**Chelan County Fire District 7 Commissioner:**

  
Rick Nedrow, Chairman

  
Tom Peters, Commissioner

  
Robert Gervais, Commissioner

  
Attest: Carol Kibler, Secretary