



MINUTES
Chelan Fire and Rescue
Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 3:00 P.M.
232 East Wapato, Chelan, WA



The CFR Board of Commissioners will conduct the meeting in person at the fire station, you are welcome to join via Zoom. The public is welcome to join by following this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87284665516> Meeting ID: 872 8466 5516 or dial +1 253 215 8782

Proposed Chelan Fire and Rescue agenda pending Board approval.

Flag Salute

Roll Call: Chairman Russ Jones, Commissioner Karyl Oules, Commissioner Phil Moller, Chief Asher and Assistant Chief Sherman.

Regular Meeting Call to Order: Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Approve Agenda: Chief Asher would like to add to New Business information received on open public meetings and Commissioner Moller add to New Business Vacation Rentals.

MOTION to APPROVE the agenda with additions, the MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment:

Recognition for Craig Gilroy and his 20 years of service to the community of Chelan.

Consent Agenda: MOTION to APPROVE the consent agenda as submitted the MOTION CARRIED.

- Revenue and Expenditure Report: April 2022 (County Treasurer delay)
- Payroll: March 22, 2022 to April 21, 2022 / Paid 05-05-2022 for \$135,416.99
- General Account Vouchers: 04-04-2022 transactions 376 to 382 for \$7,463.57; 04-08-2022 transactions 383 to 392 for \$15,989.68; 05-15-2022 transactions 393 to 411 for \$21,932.03; 04-22-2022 transactions 437 to 448 for \$2,446.55.
- Capital Account Vouchers: no expenditures
- Minutes: April 20 and 27, 2022

Fire Chief Report: (Chief Asher)

2022 Budget & Financials:

- Financials have not come in. It will still show April with the higher OT costs. May there is only 1 scheduled career OT shift created due to probationary FF and Seasonal with no Officer.
- We still have not received the final \$33,500 or our 2021 State Mobe funds this month. This will close out the \$191,000 crews earned last year.

Emergency Response Reports:

- April Incident Response Report shows 83 calls for emergency service with our 10-year average call volume for April at 66 calls. This is a 4-call decrease over last year but still significantly above our 10-year average. Rescue/EMS responses accounted for 75.9 % of total calls for service with 45.3% of those non-transport (including patients who died at the scene) or patient transported POV.
- Major incidents for April: Hanging behind 214 Trow Street. Marine rescue of the patient from an overturned jet ski.
- April turnout and response times (primary apparatus at Station 71) are within established service delivery goals as set out in SOG 010. Our unstaffed apparatus was outside of our established goals due to people coming from the home. The district was able to meet our goals for an Effective Work Force as established by SOG 010 for this month
- Total fire loss for April was \$0. Annual tax revenue lost \$0



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Administration: In regards to the 2 FOIA requests. The FOIA requests have been completed and are now in the hands of our attorney to make sure the appropriate information is released. In the last month, this person has publicly stated "I am looking to see if they will provide the same information I already have" So this person has essentially wasted months of staff time. Very disappointing.

Administrative Assistant Mendoza has been taking an online class regarding excel.

Operations:

- We still have not heard if we are successful with the 2021 AFG grant for diesel exhaust removal.
- Hazmat Team possibly has gotten another large grant for securing SCBA to complete all equipment for the team.
- The captains promotional testing is about to finish up. The written was Monday and the practical's will be May 23rd. I will make my decision that week due to the Memorial Weekend Holiday.
- I'm getting good interest from the new recruits in getting some stipend shifts. Chief Sherman will touch on the training being done to get them ready in his report.
- Chief Asher and Chief Sherman will be attending the Washington State Fire Chiefs Conference next week in Wenatchee.
- WSRB will be in attendance at the conference and I will touch base with them regarding staffing models and a couple of other questions I have regarding our up-and-coming WSRB rating.
- The extrication battery-powered tools should arrive in the next 60 days.

Community Risk Reduction:

- I had very positive feedback from Capt. Rains presentation to Rotary.
- The Wildfire Ready Neighbors program is in full swing. We currently have 22 HIZ requests in our Fire District to be completed.
- Hazard Ignition Assessments training will occur tomorrow. We have an IPAD on order to complete these that was part of a DNR grant. They will then be assigned to complete the HIZ requests
- We hosted the Windermere shredding event this Saturday. Which was a success.

Apparatus Status:

- Ladder 71 refurbish project. L71 will be ready for pickup anytime after July 11th. Bob Wentland and Dave Kast will again be going over to drive it back as close to that date as possible.
- R71 has come back from the striping shop and is now awaiting a mobile radio fix. The new M1083 will also need the same radio fix. Raycom believes it's a firmware issue with the new BK mobiles attained through the DNR and Rivercom reimbursement process.



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- We're continually monitoring chassis availability for the next Type 6 and Command Rig

Stations:

- We're installing base radios in both Station 73 and 75. This will be covered through Rivercom reimbursement.
- No update on St. 73 internet issues
- Security cameras have been purchased and mounted at the two main entrances. We are running them off of small solar panels. Cameras that face all the truck bays will be installed soon as well.
- Johnny Synder is moving forward in building the sign for station 71.

Assistant Fire Chief Report (Asst. Chief Sherman)

- **Volunteer Recruitment:** we have one person who came in and was interested. We lost one recruit person. As of current, we have a total of 45 people this includes all personnel, 27 combat, 8 wildland, 6 driver operators, and 3 Marine 71 operators.
- **Events:** we started to do school presentations and tours at the station and we are happy to do it.
- Stipend coverage 13% covered shifts. No one signed up for May shift stipends. We hope to build interest in the program from our new recruits.
- **Training:** all wildland training has been completed. We had an MCO training and everyone thought it was the best training yet. A great opportunity for the new recruits.
- We are coordinating another MCO with Manson 5, Entiat, and DNR for next week Tuesday 24th.
- Career training and operations: we will start a monthly career, and seasonal evaluations and make the program trackable.
- We did a quick training at a house tear down and had great training; search and rescue, spray water, and cut up the house.
- Been working with Bob Wentland and Ron Simmons for Saturday EVAP training with the trucks in driver operator and pumps. This is one of the most dangerous parts of operations is running the trucks so training is important.
- Marine 71 – we had a close call on the incident the people were minutes away from losing them.

Firefighters Association Report (Ron Simmons)

Not much going on thanks to Robert Takagi we got the parade truck to the Manson parade. The association is doing a lot of planning for the pancake feed, flyers are out and have recently put out a list asking for help during the pancake feed. We are getting ready for the Memorial Day parade.

Unfinished Business:

- Updates:
Annexation –Signs are all posted and the public comment time will be at the July commissioner meeting.



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Apparatus Planning Team—We've gone over the Urban Interface Engine spec book with a fine-tooth and comb and are working on getting some lower pre connects and other minor items. FF Belsky and myself are booked to go to South Dakota on June 6th returning on the 9th.

Ron Simmons reported Marine 71 and the trial operations for the pump off of tender 75. We configured the nozzle and hose and it put out a good stream of water. The problem is the pump's dimensions aren't fit for the boat. We are looking at other options, we know a pump will work. In the meantime, we could mount a nozzle on the boat. We will need to review training procedures and standards; this will take time. We are looking at purchasing a nozzle but this is not going to happen soon it will take time to figure everything out. A lot of this is safety issues in making sure we are safe.

Entry Level Hiring—June 1st announcement goes out. The test date is mid-July this will determine the eligibility list for future hires. Chelan County Fire District 1 is working on getting me the cost for their academy. State Fire Academy is \$8,665 per person. Starts 1/27 and ends 4/22. Again, if we can get them into the local academy they will be on the line and ready to go to start the year.

Audio / Visual – Station 71 meeting room – We have started receiving parts for the new A/V set up. Schmidt Electric and Deep Water are coordinating power rearrangements for the functionality of the system. We hope to have this up and running for the next meeting.

Resident Program (Research) – Confirmed that CC1 and DC2 both don't comingle residents and career staff. Some residents choose to live at home in Wenatchee. We will be tying in with the college to learn more about the fire science program. I would like to hear the commissioner's thoughts on capital improvement projects that could allow for resident quarter living. Station 71 grass area is a space we are looking at to expand. We're researching USDA grants for possible station upgrades. Apparently, there are also small grants to at least get the architectural drawing done which then would better our chances for a larger construction grant. Option 2 would be doing something at the airport station. Would like feedback from the commissioners.

Commissioner Moller doesn't want to get locked into one mindset we have a lot of options here at station 71.

Fire Mechanic Succession Plan –We have reached out to 2 mechanics that John thought would be interested. Neither are. We also reached out to a mechanic in Entiat we felt good about. He is also not interested. We'll continue to research our options. The plan would be to have someone to shadow in early 2024 as John will retire in November 2024. John Goynes isn't interested in hiring someone from the Skills center he felt they would not stay and are too young. Chief Asher doesn't think we should keep on the agenda and will continue to be on the lookout.

Flooring (station 71) –The Mohawk floor representative came and measured the station and brought many options. We have what we would like to do. For both upstairs and downstairs. The carpet areas will be in squares that can be replaced at any time when damaged. The dinner and kitchen area will be on vinyl and not on carpet anymore. All carpet would be removed from downstairs and replaced with vinyl this would cost \$26,000. The stairs will be



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rubber with yellow lines which is safer for firefighters running down them in the middle of the night and for the public with the crew quarters it's at \$42,000. To go with the concrete downstairs would cost more and the prep of getting it to concrete would be disruptive. Our current capital budget for the replacement of the carpet is \$16,500. We could use some of the roof funds that won't be expended this year.

Commissioner Oules thinks we need to prioritize our needs.

Commissioner Jones stated the crew quarters are a priority and the downstairs can wait.

Commissioner Moller would like Chief Asher to look into getting a quote from Lake Interior. And it's obvious we will need more options and email the board with the information.

We can't take action outside of a public meeting. We can pass a motion with a dollar amount.

Chairman Jones do you want to make a motion for downstairs?

Commissioner Oules why priority to downstairs?

We have the quote for downstairs and upstairs. The quote is \$42,000 for both floors.

Commissioner Oules said we have a lot of ifs.

Chief Asher said we have the quotes as close as we can get at this time and it won't go over the \$42,000.

Commissioner Moller let's break it out and get separate bids and get other bids.

Chief Asher will get more bids.

Station 71 LED Sign (DNR Co-op Agreement) - The original \$26,000 grant request I put in was surprisingly not an accurate amount. Sign construction and installation were a lot more. Also, I got a better understanding of LED quality. We got 4 starts and finish options from Graybeal and the most expensive was \$42,000 after tax and installation. I contacted DNR to see if they could help anymore and they graciously covered the total cost. We should expect the sign to be completed and functional by mid-July. Chief Ashe contacted the city of Chelan to remove the tree, to which they agreed. We spoke with the city on the permitting and we will be approved.

Commissioner Moller wants to check on the height and protect it from people vandalizing it.

New Business:

- **OPMA CHANGES** - Proclamation 20-28 has been rescinded. Starting in June we MAY hold meetings through zoom but it's not required. The question is do we want to continue broadcasting through zoom? This will allow the public to stay engaged if they choose and this would include keeping the ability of the commissioners to zoom in which has occurred multiple times. I sent you the resolution developed by Quinn for review. Current policy references Commissioners SOG 101 6.19. I have a filled-out resolution here if you choose to make a motion to sign. By doing this we would be compliant come June 1, 2022.

Chairman Jones would like to add that Zoom attendees will be asked to identify themselves. It is in the resolution.

Commissioner Oules MOTIONED to APPROVE Resolution 2022-02 as submitted the MOTION was UNANIMOUS.

Commissioner Moller reported someone asked when are we going to start doing the inspections to rent a property. The county has passed something regarding fire inspections. This is a moratorium and enforcement is under Chelan County Sheriff's department and has 3 people for doing the inspections.



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Special Events:

- KOZI – Community Connection May 19, 2022 @ 8:10 a.m. – Commissioner Moller / Chief Asher
- Cruizin Chelan – June 3 & 4, 2022
- Pancake Feed – June 4, 2022 (Station 71)

Board for Volunteer Firefighters: Nothing to report

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Comments:

Admin Assistant Karla Mendoza reported that Sourcewell Services has done all of the competitive biddings for the replacement of the carpet. If you are asking for a quote from Lake Interior, we will have to get more quotes if we step away from the original quote received. The board would like to receive more quotes.

Chief Asher reported Chelan County Fire 1 cost to attend the fire academy is \$5,360 per person as opposed to \$8,700 for North Bend Academy. Also, personnel can go through the EMT academy adding \$1,000 per person. This is cost-effective for us to go with CC1 academy.

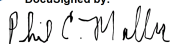
Chairman Jones appreciates everyone who came and provided comments.

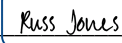
Executive Session: None

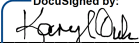
Adjournment: The meeting closed at 4:30 p.m.


Chelan County Fire Protection District 7

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