



MINUTES
Chelan Fire and Rescue
Wednesday, June 15, 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.

Others in Attendance: Ron Simmons, Marcia Holmdahl, Karl Polzin, Chris Baker, Erika Ward, Adman Jones Tory Jones.

Flag Salute

Roll Call: Chairman Russ Jones, Commissioner Karyl Oules, Commissioner Phil Moller, Fire Chief Brandon Asher, Assistant Fire Chief Shawn Sherman, District Secretary Carol Kibler.

Regular Meeting Call to Order: Chairman Jones opened the meeting at 3:06 p.m.

Introduction: Captain Adam Jones and New Recruits

Chief Asher announced Adam Jones was promoted to Captain, Tory Jones (spouse) pinned the captain badge on Adam. Congratulations!

Chief Asher noted the recruits could not make it to the meeting.

Approve Agenda: MOTION was made to approve the agenda as submitted the MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda: MOTION was made to approve the consent agenda as submitted the MOTION CARRIED.

Revenue and Expenditure Report: April 2022 from prior Agenda and May 2022 (County Treasurer delay)

- Payroll: April 22, 2022 to May 23, 2022 / Paid 06-03-2022 for \$132,521.44
- General Account Vouchers: 05-06-2022 transactions 482 to 494 for \$10,778.68; 05-13-2022 transactions 496 to 508 for \$9,585.42; 05-20-2022 transactions 519 to 528 for \$8,371.04;
- Capital Account Vouchers: 05-21-2022 transaction 529 for \$500,000; 05-23-2022 Transaction 543 for \$5,877.91
- Minutes: May 9 and 18, 2022

Fire Chief Report: (Chief Asher)

2022 Budget & Financials:

- April financials came in after the last meeting. Our facility line item increased due to the snow removal of a little over \$10,000. Also, Admin Services increased due to our annual payment of \$10,400 to Springbrook for payroll. Again, the OT is high but this is from April before the seasonals started. May financials are delayed and will be reported at the next meeting.
- We still have not received the final \$28,000 for the Apple Acres Fire I believe we have to receive this by June 30th. This will close out the 2021 state mobilization fire funds.

Emergency Response Reports:

- May Incident Response Report shows 84 calls for emergency service with our 10-year average call volume for May at 83 calls. This falls in line with our average Rescue/EMS responses accounted for 76.2 % of total calls for service with 38% of those non-transport (includes patients who died at scene) or patient transported POV.



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- Major incidents for May: Dryer Fire at Company Creek. Fatality Swift Water rescue call up the Entiat Valley.
- May turnout and response times (primary apparatus at Station 71) are within established service delivery goals as set out in SOG 010. Our "Prescribed Fire" was dispatched as a brush fire we got a good response. 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 May was \$0. Annual tax revenue lost \$0

Administration:

In regards to the 2 FOIA requests:

Both parties that did the FOIA requests have been given the information requested after our attorney went through them. This should be the last report on that topic.

Audio – Visual:

We were hoping to have our new audio/visual completed, but we are waiting on the computer to be installed.

Operations:

- We still have not heard if we are successful with the 2021 AFG grant for diesel exhaust removal.
- Adam Jones started his first shift as A-Shift Captain on June 3, 2022.
- Chief Sherman is still working on getting some more people qualified for the stipend shift coverage.
- Chief Asher attended the WA State Chiefs Conference. It was very eye-opening to the hiring struggles that multiple departments are having. I feel confident and lucky with the candidates that we know are applying so far.
- Probationary FF Fogelson is at the 6-month mark and I've heard nothing but good things about his performance. He and FF Preheim will be switching shifts at the end of this month to give other leaders the chance to mentor.
- We've had multiple updates through Rivercom regarding tones and unit identification. Trying to be mindful of our volunteers and getting woke up all night during our busy call season. Chief Asher and AC Sherman are now CH71 and CH72 instead of 701 and 702.
- Chief Asher and AC Sherman met yesterday with USFS about some options to possibly have them lease either part of St. 74 or all of St. 72. They have a 5–10-year time frame which in my opinion fits our time frame fairly well of when we may possibly have to have another station staffed. I'm looking for approval to advise USFS that we will listen to the options presented to us.
- Commissioner Karyl Oules; definitely we should look into it.
- Commissioner Moller; Station 74, not 72 and if we can get the Feds to pay for it, let's continue to have the talks.
- Chief Asher noted the costs would not be upfront from the Feds and the facility would not be used for living quarters.
- Chairman Jones; continue to pursue the options.

Community Risk Reduction:

- The Wildfire Ready Neighbors program is in full swing. We currently have 15 more requests since May bringing our total requests up to 37. HIZ requests in our Fire District to be completed.
- Hazard Ignition Assessments are now being conducted by staff. FF Steiner has been put in charge of organizing these assessments and has started completing some and is integrating others to help.



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Apparatus Status:

- Ladder 71 refurbish project. L71 will be ready for pick up any time after July 11th. The people we had to retrieve the truck aren't available. Chief Asher has been in contact with a company that will drive L71 back from Appleton Wisconsin for \$6,000. We have the cost of flights, hotel, per diem, and fuel. Chief Asher recommends that we go with the company. We will also then be covered if anything happens between there and here.
- The company does this and has liability insurance and a contract.
- The commissioners agreed to have the company drive the ladder home.
- John Goyne is getting closer to getting the 2nd 1083 all finished up.
- No update on Command or Brush Truck Chassis availability

Stations:

- The base station radios for St. 73 and 75 have been ordered and are awaiting installation.
- Station 73 internet—The StarLink dish came in earlier than we expected and LT. Miner is in the process of getting it operational at St. 73.
- 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.

Assistant Fire Chief Report (Asst. Chief Sherman)

Volunteer Recruitment / Training

- The recruits for the stipend program just finished the orientation task book. We have 2 personnel who are active in the stipend program. We have one recruited person that will be ready by mid-July to cover stipend shifts.
- The in-house multi-company training went well with staff and recruits. We had a co-operations multi-company simulated fire and it went well as Adam Jones ran the training it was a good opportunity for all who participate.

Firefighters Association Report (Ron Simmons)

Not a lot going on, we finished a successful pancake feed. We fed almost 400 people and received \$3,700 in donations. We had a lot of good participation from our people, it was a positive event. Not much else going on, we may be involved with the Lake Chelan Rodeo.

Unfinished Business:

Updates:

- **Annexation**—Public Comment is at the next meeting in July.
- Chief Asher will be meeting with Mr. Gonzalez from the City of Chelan to discuss the Interlocal Agreement; I.E., inspections, and possible fines for business owners who aren't repairing their alarm systems.
- **Apparatus Planning Team**—Chief Asher and FF Belsky went to South Dakota last week to finalize the design of our engines. We made many different adjustments to ensure the apparatus is still ergonomically functional due to its height. We are very excited for the community to see the final product. Prices are going up and the supply chain is not getting any better, so thank you for committing to these vital pieces of equipment when you did. Saved at least another \$120,000.
- **Entry Level Hiring**—An announcement has been made for the entry-level test. The written test will be Monday, August 8th, and the interviews on Monday, August 15th. The start date of the academy is September 12th. If we provide instructors for 4 8-hour days they would drop \$1,915 per student which is a significant saving.



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- **Resident Program**—This is a low priority and we haven't accomplished anything new since the last meeting. It will take a significant investment into either St. 71 or St. 74 to accomplish this program.
- Chief Asher asked what does the board want to do?
- Keep it on the agenda.
- **Flooring (station 71):** The staff is looking for recommendations on the next step for flooring. We recommend finishing the upstairs immediately and budgeting for the rest in the future if not now.
Chief Asher stated the upstairs crew quarters are estimated at \$38,000 and we budget \$16,000. This does not include the stairs at \$9,000.
MOTION was made to approve installing the new flooring for the crew quarters and installing the new vinyl on the stairs the MOTION Carried.
The unbudgeted funds will be funded by uncommitted funds or state mobilization funds.

New Business: None

Special Events:

- KOZI – Community Connection June 16, 2022 @ 8:25 a.m. – Commissioner Jones / Chief Asher
- Monday, July 4th weekend starting Friday, July 1, 2022

Board for Volunteer Firefighters: None

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Oules; job well done on the water rescue. Assistant Chief Sherman noted the save was well executed by FF Belsky.

AC Sherman thank you for supporting the marine program, we currently have saved 4 people so far. Chairman Jones; great job on the water rescue and getting information to the media.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: There was no more business before the Commissioner's meeting closed at 4:01 p.m.

Chelan County Fire Protection District 7
Board of Commissioners:

Chairman, Russ Jones

Commissioner, Phil Moller

Commissioner, Karyl Oules

Carol Kibler, District Secretary