



MINUTES
Chelan Fire and Rescue
Wednesday, July 20, 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.

Staff in Attendance: Fire Chief Brandon Asher, Assistant Fire Chief Shawn Sherman, District Secretary Carol Kibler, and Administrative Assistant Karla Mendoza.

Others in Attendance: Barry Leahy, Karl Polzin, Robert Takagi, Marcia Holmdahl, Ron Simmons, and Chris Baker.

Flag Salute

Roll Call: Russ Jones and Karyl Oules. Phil Moller was excused from the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING: opened at 3:05 p.m.

- **2022 Annexations:** Chelan County Fire District 7 was presented with an annexation petition signed by over 60% of the registered land owners in the areas of: Chelan Falls, Davis Canyon Rd, Downie Canyon Rd, Hale Rd, Shady Pass Rd, Swanson Gulch, and Tunnel Hill area. Attached is the legal descriptions of the annexed areas;
- **Public Comment:** No Comments
- **Commissioner's Comments:** No comment
- **Adjournment of the Public Hearing:** The public hearing closed at 3:08 p.m.

Regular Meeting Call to Order: The Regular meeting opened at 3:08 p.m.

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

Public Comment: No comment

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

- Revenue and Expenditure Report: Prior Agendas April and May 2022 (County Treasurer delay) and June 2022
- Payroll: May 24, 2022 to June 22, 2022 / Paid 07-05-2022 for \$143,672.42
- General Account Vouchers: 06-03-2022 transactions 580 to 589 for \$9,816.07; 06-24-2022 Transactions 645 to 650 for \$8,605.01.
- Capital Account Vouchers: 06-04-2022 transactions #590 to 593 for \$23,970.63; 06-25-2022 651 to 654 for \$16,741.70
- Minutes: June 15, 2022

Fire Chief Report: (Chief Asher)

2022 Budget & Financials:

- June Financials are on track. We are starting to see a decrease in OT usage thanks to having the seasonals. We are still dealing with some Career staff bumping up against their vacation accrual max.
- We've now been made whole on all 2021 State Mobilization funds

Emergency Response Reports:

- June Incident Response Report shows 94 calls for emergency service with our 10-year average call volume for June at 85 calls. 2nd highest June call volume with minimal wildland responses due to weather.
- Rescue/EMS responses accounted for 75.5 % of total calls for service with 46% of those non-transport (includes patients who died at scene) or patient transported POV.
- Major incidents for June: Refer to list
- June turnout and response times (primary apparatus at Station 71) are within established service delivery goals as set out in SOG 010.
- Effective Work Force: Great response on Brush fire with 18 people



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- Total fire loss for June was \$10,000 for hay trailer. Annual tax revenue lost \$0

Administration:

- Working on updating our budget worksheets and giving them a fresh reset
- Beginning data collection for the upcoming WSRB rating
- Working on getting the PIO group back together to get messages out.
- Thank Carol for the up-to-date info during Stayman Flats

Operations:

- All redcards have been issued. Continuing to prepare for the upcoming wildland season. We're at fuel loads that are 200% above normal in places.
- We still have not heard if we are successful with the 2021 AFG grant for diesel exhaust removal.
- Chief Sherman is still working on getting some more people stipend qualified.
- We'll be monitoring the upcoming hot streak and ensuring staffing levels are adequate in the case of red flag warnings, etc.

Community Risk Reduction:

- We're still getting requests through the Wildfire Ready Neighbors program. FF Steiner has been hard at work on those along with other volunteers. They have completed 37 HIZ in our Fire District and have about 15 left.

Apparatus Status:

- After traveling all the way from Appleton WI L71 made it to Ritzville. We then had a transmission issue. John went and looked at it. We had it put on a lowboy and brought to an Allison Transmission repair shop in Spokane. They are currently diagnosing the issue. I've been in contact with both the Carrier and Pierce to keep them in the loop.
- July 11th the other M1083 was finished. Both trucks received their finishing striping and decaling. We're excited to have it ready for the fast-approaching wildland season. The feedback on these apparatus from the community is very positive.
- John installed a much more visible and safer lightbar that was laying at St. 74 on B79 since it is our state mobilization apparatus.
- Catching up on other maintenance since the focus is no longer on the 2nd M1083
- Fixing all apparatus placarding.
- NO update on Command or Brush Truck Chassis availability

Stations:

- Base radios for both Station 73 and 75 have been completed and we will now submit to Rivercom for Reimbursement.
- Station 72 had its door tagged by an "artist" Crews did a good job getting the door painted over which was overdue anyway.
- 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. We're just waiting on a longer cable from Starlink.
- The Station 71 A/V project is almost complete. We just have some touch-up paint to do and we will be attending some "Smart Board" Training.
- The USFS is now interested in a longer-term lease (20 yrs. Plus) I told them I would make sure we're still ok with them giving us a proposal with that time period in mind. Are we all in agreeance on that?
- Chairman Jones agreed and is interested in looking at a proposal from USFS.



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Assistant Fire Chief Report (Asst. Chief Sherman)

- **Recruitment:** Dennis Hill Station 71; he is a 32-year veteran Firefighter. We have a few people interested in volunteering from the Union Valley area.
- **Retention:** Eddie Robledo Station 71 (work-related)
- **Events:** Fire Wise Home Assessments 40 completed.
- **Stipend Coverage:** June % One 12hr shift covered and July 0% coverage. Two people are qualified to cover stipend shifts. We are working on getting one other individual trained to cover stipend shifts.

- **Training:**
- Company Evaluations are ongoing for each shift.
The rescue swimmer course has been completed for our in-house members with night dives this week.
Invited to hold a 1-day rescue swimmer course for Chelan County Fire District 1 designed to bring together the Lifeguard level training with the PADI rescue swimmer level. This is tentatively planned for August 15th.
Also beginning preparations with CCFD1 to participate in their recruit academy.
- Thanks to the help of Bob Wentland, we are reorganizing and designing Chelan Fire & Rescue Driver and Pump operation for our Type 1 class pumpers. Will also be incorporating the ladder training into this new program.
- Chairman Jones asked; have you looked into the monitor for the boat.
- Assistant Chief Sherman stated we found out we will only be able to spray water from afar off the boat. We can use the boat as a firing platform, and marine master stream we are working on the information.

Firefighters Association Report (Ron Simmons)

Reported the association had a meeting Tuesday, not much going on at this time.

Unfinished Business:

- **Resolution 2022-03 Annexation:** Chief Asher stated he is looking to the commissioner for approval of the annexations.
- **Commissioner Oules MOTIONED to approve Resolution 2022-03 as submitted the MOTION CARRIED.**
- **Updates:**
Apparatus Planning Team: We received the change order information after our pre-con meeting in South Dakota. We are still well within the loan terms but attempting to negotiate on a few more items.
Entry Level Hiring Applications closed last Friday the 15th. We have 30 applicants. We're very impressed with the quality of the Entry Level Applications.
Resident Program There has been nothing further on this topic other than trying to see if funding options would be available for the design of upgrading St. 71. The USFS is now interested in a longer-term lease (20 yrs. Plus) I told them I would make sure we're still ok with them giving us a proposal with that time period in mind.
Flooring (station 71) The LVT flooring is scheduled to arrive on 8/1 at Mohawk. Waiting to hear back on an actual start date from the installers.

New Business: None

Special Events:

- KOZI – Community Connection July 21, 2022 @ 8:10 a.m. – Commissioner Jones / Chief Asher



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- **Farmers Market:** We have been invited to participate every third Thursday each month. We will have a fire truck and some of our folks there to answer questions and hand out public education materials.

Board for Volunteer Firefighters: Nothing

Public Comment: Barry Leahy stated 3 of the 4 days he worked on the boat that it was enlightening to see the chaos that goes on the Lake it's the number of jet ski riders on the lake with the boats. He suggested at the beginning of the year to do boat safety training for the watercraft companies. Minneapolis beach residents want to form a community fire response team and they want to maybe put a generator in the water to help in case of a fire. Concie Luna is the person to contact. Chairman Jones stated the Chelan County Sheriff's department in the past has done inspections and it seems to not be a priority to the companies. There needs to be better education/training with company staffers.

Captain Taylor Rains stated the recent commercial fire we had that it was helpful we had a 3rd Firefighter at the station to respond. He said it was great to have the 3rd person on the truck and is looking forward to having 3 on staff. The 3rd firefighter makes a huge difference in the workload during responses.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Oules stated she was impressed with our involvement in the Stayman Flats fire, Job well done!

Chief Asher said having Fire Chief Jones on the scene and the changing of our run cards really made a big difference in the response we had to the fire. This is an improvement for all agencies.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: There was no more business before the Commissioner's, the meeting closed at 3:43 p.m.

Chelan County Fire Protection District 7
Board of Commissioners:

Commissioner, Phil Moller

Commissioner, Russ Jones

Chairman, Karyl Oules

Carol Kibler, District Secretary