



**MINUTES**  
**Chelan Fire and Rescue**  
**Wednesday, August 17, 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.*

There was no Zoom available - technical difficulties with linking Zoom due to cable issues.

**Flag Salute:**

**Roll Call:** Chairman Russ Jones, Commissioner Karyl Oules, and via cellular phone Commissioner Phil Moller.

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

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

**Public Comment:** None

**City of Chelan – Airport Water Flow:**

Mayor Bob Goedde reported the fire department had not been reached regarding the airport improvements on water flow, longer airstrip, and needed improvements. The City of Chelan has been working with Colville Tribal, Chelan County Port District, and FAA. Mayor Goedde asked for the Fire department's endorsement for the improvements of the airport. Fire flow is needed at the airport as an improvement and to move forward with the plan. There is a demand for development. Working with FAA and consultants on a master 8-10 year plan.

City Administrator Wade Farris reported the Airport received 969 aircraft movements which are almost 1000 monthly, we need improvements with an extended runway.

This will give the airport the capability for smaller jets. And airlines for commuter flights, there is a demand.

We can't do anything until we have fire flow at the airport. We have been working with the Port of Chelan County and Chelan County for funding. Grant funding alternatives from the fire department are welcome. A letter of support from the fire department would be great.

Fire Chief Asher and Commissioners will draft a letter in support of the Airport improvements.

**Consent Agenda: A MOTION was made to approve the consent agenda as submitted, and the MOTION CARRIED.**

- Revenue and Expenditure Report: July 2022
- Payroll: June 23, 2022 to July 25, 2022 / Paid 08-05-2022 for \$143,866.59
- General Account Vouchers: 07-08-2022 Transactions 727 to 748 for \$17,671.32; 07-29-2022 transactions 784 to 806 for \$27,490.20.
- Capital Account Vouchers: 07/09/2022 Transactions 749 to 752 For \$2,992.14; 07-30-2022 transactions 807 to 810 for \$14,755.12.
- Minutes: July 20, 2022

**Fire Chief Report: (Chief Asher)**  
**2022 Budget & Financials:**

- July Financials are on track. The seasonal FF's are helping decrease the OT. No significant purchases for the month of July.



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**Emergency Response Reports:**

- July Incident Response Report shows 147 calls for emergency service with our 10-year average call volume for July at 130 calls. This was our all-time highest call volume for 1 month.
- Rescue/EMS responses accounted for 70 % of total calls for service with 31% of those non-transport (includes patients who died at scene) or patient transported POV.
- Major incidents for July: Refer to list
- July turnout and response times (primary apparatus at Station 71) are within established service delivery goals as set out in SOG 010.
- Effective Work Force: Effective workforce was acceptable. Most of the fires were mutual aid.
- Total fire loss for July was \$40,000 for the rodeo barn.

**Administration:**

- Working on updating our budget worksheets and giving them a fresh reset
- Continuing to prepare for the upcoming WSRB rating.
- PIO group had a meeting and we are working on different informational items.
- Budget requests for 2023 are starting to come in.

**Operations:**

- After a late start wildland season is in full swing. Crews have mobilized to Lind, the Riparia Fire in Whitman County, and the Mohr Fire in Douglas County. These have all been short assignments so far. State mobilization Chief Rates have gone up a lot this year which will be good for our equipment replacement.  
Example. 50% increase for Type 3 increase= \$1090, 50% Type 1 increase= \$1892, 64% Type 6 increase=\$491
- They announced the first round of 2021 AFG grants. Hopefully, we're selected in the future for diesel exhaust removal.
- The Genesis Battery-powered extrication tools came in along with batteries.
- The Supervac Fan also arrived but came with the wrong batteries. The correct batteries arrived yesterday.
- Fire forecasters are predicting heat to last late into the year. We are attempting to fill the empty seasonal position created by FF Gore leaving for a career position in Wenatchee at least for September if not October.  
1 Volunteer expressed interest yesterday and is crunching the numbers.

**Community Risk Reduction:**

- We received 2 more WRN requests. The program is getting much quieter now that the media push has slowed.

**Apparatus Status:**

- We talked about the status of L71
- M1083 did a tremendous job on the Mohr fire in Douglas County. These are such good additions to our fleet.
- Missing and updated apparatus placarding have arrived from Graybeal and John will be installing those.
- No update on Command or Brush Truck Chassis availability.
- T71 and B79 both received long overdue tire replacements.



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**Stations:**

- Station 71 – Has a new sign and was installed this week. It lights up at night. Johnny Synder made the sign. The sign looks great Thank you Johnny Synder and Dan miner
- Station 71 – update on the electric sign end of September we hope it will be installed.
- 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.
- St75- is having trouble alarms. Trying to track the problem.
- We still have some touch-up paint to do and we will be attending some “Smart Board” Training. I will be meeting with Forest Service right after this meeting at Station 74 to discuss leasing options.

**Assistant Fire Chief Report (Asst. Chief Sherman)**

**Volunteer Recruitment / Training**

- We are processing 2 recruits from the Union Valley area; Jake Normandeau and Cody Durler. We do have 2 high school students who are interested in an explorer post position. AC Sherman is looking into starting up the program.
- Been working with a 1<sup>st</sup> Creek group of citizens in helping them with fire-related ideas and starting a fire-wise community like the Union Valley residents did.
- Chairman Jones would like to see one way in one way out elevated during fire status changes and the extra risk involved.
- The community has concerns and we as the fire department also have concerns regarding the 1<sup>st</sup> Creek Road.
- Commissioner Gering and 1<sup>st</sup> Creek resident Dave Clouse are working together to hopefully resolve the issues of road closures and restrictions.
- AC Sherman is getting ready to send the new staff to the fire academy. And preparing for water rescue with Wenatchee.

**Firefighters Association Report (Ron Simmons)**

Nothing to report

**Unfinished Business:**

- **Updates:**  
**Ladder 71:** transmission failure 29,000 repair. Contacted Hughes Fire for help the transmission place classified it as normal wear and tear. Hughes said goodwill effort and dropped the total cost of the other cost of \$10,000. We will owe Pierce 240,000 instead of 250,000.  
 EVS 4000 transmission supply shortage they are rebuilding the transmission we hope to have the truck within 2 weeks.  
 Chief Asher is in contact with the transportation company and will find out if they can help out as well.  
**Spartan Apparatus:** We had 2 small change orders for the dash and a switch.  
**Entry Level Hiring:** We did hire FF Preheim off the lateral list. From the entry-level hiring process, we hired Kyle Burn from the west side but is moving to Chelan, William Steady from DNR, and Duke Odenrider. We did hire Andy Gore but he declined the offer and was hired with Wenatchee/Douglas County fire.  
 Will Steady and Steph Preheim will start the academy in Wenatchee on Sept 12<sup>th</sup>. We submitted an MOU to the LOCAL Union 4816 stating the academy and cost saving to the department.  
**Flooring (station 71):** Mohawk flooring co came in today and review the floors they came up with a plan to keep us within the budget. Plan to start Sept 12<sup>th</sup> the bid price has not changed we excepted the bid.



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No updates on the false alarm ordinances.

**New Business:** None

**Special Events:**

- KOZI – Community Connection August 18, 2022 @ 8:10 a.m. – Commissioner Russ Jones / Chief Asher.

**Board for Volunteer Firefighters:**

- Pension Approval – Marcia Holmdahl  
The board approved Holmdahl’s pension. Thank you for your service, Marcia!

**Public Comment:**

**Commissioner Comments:**

**Executive Session:**

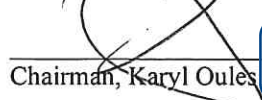
**Adjournment:** There was no more business before the board, the meeting closed at 3:46 p.m.

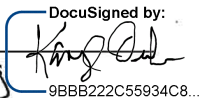
**Chelan County Fire Protection District 7**

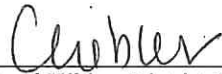
**Board of Commissioners:**

  
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Commissioner, Phil Moller

  
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Commissioner, Russ Jones

  
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Chairman, Karyl Oules

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Carol Kibler, District Secretary