



MINUTES
Chelan Fire and Rescue
Wednesday, October 19, 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.

Commissioners: Russ Jones and Karyl Oules via Zoom Phil Moller.

Staff: Fire Chief Brandon Asher, Assistant fire Chief Shawn Sherman, District secretary Carol Kibler and Administrative Assistant Karla Mendoza.

Others: John Goynes, Barry Leahy, Anne Clark, and Larry Peabody.

Flag Salute

Roll Call: Russ Jones and Karyl Oules via Zoom Phil Moller, Fire Chief Brandon Asher, Assistant fire Chief Shawn Sherman, District secretary Carol Kibler and Administrative Assistant Karla Mendoza.

Open Public Hearing: Chairman Jones called the Public hearing open at 3:00 p.m.

- **Public Comment on the 2023 Budget:** no comments made.

Adjourned: There was no more public hearing business the meeting closed at 3:01 p.m.

Regular Meeting Call to Order: The regular meeting opened at 3:02 p.m.

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: September 2022
- Payroll: August 23, 2022 to September 21, 2022 / Paid 10-05-2022 for \$204,560.99
- General Account Vouchers: 09-03-2022 Transactions 967 to 971 for \$243,390.17; 09-09-2022 Transactions 972 to 983 for \$4,636.74; 09-16-2022 Transactions 994 to 1012 for \$36,811.84; 09-23-2022 Transactions 1042 to 1053 for \$8,160.65; 09-30-2022 Transactions 1121 to 1126 for \$11,554.92.
- Capital Account Vouchers: 09-17-2022 Transactions 1013 to 11014 for \$4,584.48; 09-29-2022 Transactions 1120 for \$18,888.51.
- Minutes: September 21, 2022

Fire Chief Report: (Chief Asher)

2022 Budget & Financials:

- September Financials are still within budget.
- The Seasonal Firefighters are helping decrease the OT.
- No significant purchases for the month of September.

Emergency Response Reports:

- September Incident Response Report shows 86 calls for emergency service with our 10-year average call volume for August at 80 calls. This is the exact amount we had in September 2021.
- Rescue/EMS responses accounted for 82 % of total calls for service with 22% of those non-transport (including patients who died at the scene) or patient-transported POV.
- Major incidents for September:
- We had the State Mobe Fire in Index. CH72 and B78 responded to 2nd alarm fire at Swakane Canyon. (submitted on website chelan7.com under Incident summary)



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- September 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 with no major responses within District.
- Total fire loss for September was \$0 within FD7
- The City of Chelan will implement the alarm ordinance starting January 2023. Chief Asher met with condo owners and they are fully aware of the situation and are replacing the system, this should be done by end of the year.

Administration:

- Finalized 2023 Budget Proposal that we will be discussing today.
- Submitted our letter of support for the water line expansion project to the City of Chelan and Representative Steele.
- WSRB rating occurred yesterday. There will be a move from 9A to 9B for Station 75. Stations 72 and 74 are still unrecognized. While we are still in the point calculation phase, The good news is we have a surprisingly real chance of improving the Station 71 coverage area from a 6 to a 5. There would be no chance of this if we would have not hired the 3 additional Firefighters. We must also keep the seasonal program for next year. We'll have more information on this and items to work towards in our long-range plan to better our rating after the final calculation.
- Thursday we are starting the first steps of a newsletter that will go out to the public.
- Starting the planning for our awards/holiday event.

Operations:

- We had a Firefighter on light duty during September who was cleared for full duty on October 14, 2022.
- We did not get the diesel exhaust grant for 2022 so I won't be reporting on this anymore. Commissioner Moller, you requested the dollar amounts used in the grant. That was \$173,635 for 3 stations. We have created a new line item in the budget of \$129,000 to go towards this. We will be resubmitting for the grant also in 2023.
- Fire Fighter Preheim and Steady are still attending the regional Fire Academy. They're getting into a lot more hands-on training now. They're doing more live fires tomorrow.
- Hazmat Technician Training dates are being planned now.
- New Run Cards have been implemented this month. The addition of automatic aid to the run cards at the end of last year helped with our WSRB rating.
- Captian FireFighter Jones spent a full 14 days as a TFL on the Bolt Fire. We should also get reimbursement for the Tahoe being on the fire.
- Seasonal Firefighters will be taken offline at the end of the month.
- Will be beginning the push for volunteer recruitment (AC Sherman will talk more about that)

Community Risk Reduction:

- We did not receive any more WRN requests during the month of September.
- I participated in a Fracking Tank information session up the Chumstick with State Reps, County Commissioners, and other Fire Chiefs. County Fire Marshal Renaldi is attempting to get funding to place 22,000-gallon tanks. Chelan currently is on the list for 2 locations. Cooper Gulch and Union Valley. This will be funded through WA State DNR.
- We have some fall and Halloween events coming up that give us the opportunity to spread the word on Fire Prevention.



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Apparatus Status:

- E71 has had hoses some radiator work done and some hoses replaced for water recirculation.
- E79 has been moved to Station 74
- Mechanic Goynes is still working on the tender 74 transmission issue. It is currently out of service.
- I've been in contact with Brindlee Mountain since the ladder came back. They have stated multiple times that they want to help make the ladder situation right in whatever way they can. I've given them the Type 3 engine minimums that I'm looking for. We may have the opportunity for a deeply discounted future apparatus through them.
- Contacted DNR about our awarded grant to talk about options since we can't find a chassis to build out a truck. It was encouraging and we'll be working on sourcing parts now and keeping them on hand. We can also apply again and have the full amount go towards the cost of a chassis. My plan for 2023 is to forego getting another Type 6 chassis and work towards a Type 3 in 2024 unless a good deal somehow pops up in 2023.
- Commissioner Moller asked that we find out if DNR would allow us to outfit marine 71 with a pump.
- Mechanic Goynes looked at Ford 350 and it has a front-end four-wheel drive issue with the driveline which is unfortunately another \$2,000 repair.
- Commissioner Moller is in favor of the investment to repair the truck. We will get a return on investment.
- New model trucks have been announced for all major apparatus brands since the last meeting, but the outlook is the same on availability. We'll be continuing to monitor the supply chain. We will need to fix my truck before winter conditions or decommission it.
- The Tahoe needed the whole front end rebuilt. Shocks, Struts, and it was missing a sway arm bracket. It is at Les Schwab today. Estimated cost \$800.00
- WSRB advised that if you have two reserve engines that pass the pump test then it doesn't matter their age of them. We were able to get full credit for reserve engine status with the purchase of the 2 new Spartans.

Stations:

- We've been learning the capabilities of our new sign and feel it's been great for getting good information out.
- Station 71 flooring was completed. They have a punch list that they will come back and finish or fix. We also had a very large amount of extra material so I'm asking for an updated quote for the downstairs which will use our extra material.
- We are waiting on a proposal from the Forest Service on St. 74

Assistant Fire Chief Report (Asst. Chief Sherman)

- Volunteer Recruitment / Training
- Chief Sherman attended the first region 6 training and discussed region training water rescue as a group effort; Wenatchee, Manson, and Chelan 1 and us. Looking at group training with our new extraction tools, which will help all agencies who work with the equipment.
- In communication with Wenatchee Valley Fire Authority we will be training with them on ladder company.
- Chief Sherman reported on two successes; Firefighter Bob Wentland has been helping with ladder drills, and Dennis Hill and John Steiner have been working on pre-fire planning. The pre-



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fire planning will be compatible with Ispy. We have 5-6 completed and we are seeing great success.

- Chief Sherman reported 3- volunteer Firefighters Huston Stodhill, Chris Colbert and Nathan Clamp will participate in the EMT Course starting Nov 9 hosted by Lake Chelan EMS.
- Future training: Chief Sherman has reached out to Manson to start training with them on Tuesday nights. The meeting with their training officer went well. The first training will be a house burn on Nov. 19 in the Chelan Butte area. We have also invited Orondo and Entiat to participate in the training.
- Nov 22 we are looking at joint training with Manson – group dinner and drill.
- Chief Sherman will join KOZI – and start recruitment efforts: social media, KOZI, newspaper, and reader board.
- As for starting a scout program for High School kiddos, we have to go through the boy scouts of America post and it's a liability for the fire district so the likely hood of us starting is not likely.

Firefighters Association Report (Ron Simmons)

Anne Clark reported on behalf of Ron Simmons.

- The association has been working on activities with HCCD.
- We are looking for someone to participate as sparky for these events.
- We will be participating in the Halloween trick-or-treat at station 71. This year the Leahys donated funds to the association for the candy. THANK YOU Leahys!
- The association will co-host with Local 4816 Veterans luncheon on November 11, 2023 at station 71.
- Helping with putting together a memorial marker at station 71.
- Looking into the future celebrating the fire department 100 year anniversary (2026).

Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

- **Resolution 2022-05 Levy 2023 and certificate:**
- **Chairman Jones MOTIONED to APPROVE Resolution 2022-05 as submitted the motion was UNANIMOUS.**
- **2023 Budget:** Chief Asher stated the only change made is \$80,000 for the truck was moved from Capital Expenditure to Capital Investment. Moved \$129,000 from uncommitted funds to Capital Expenditures for the station 71 Exhaust system installation.
- Commissioner Moller would like to increase the marine 71 Capital Investment to \$15,000 to replenish when we can.
- Commissioner Oules agreed and would like \$10,000 put in 2023 and then back down to \$5,000 in the year 2024.

Chairman Jones MOTIONED to Approve Budget 2023 with the additions and as submitted the MOTION was UNANIMOUS.

Special Events:

- KOZI – Community Connection October 20, 2022, @ 8:10 a.m. – Commissioner Jones/Chief Asher

Board for Volunteer Firefighters: none



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Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Oules stated it is nice not to receive calls of complaints, she gets the calls of support and she likes the LED sign.

Chairman Jones; echoes the response.

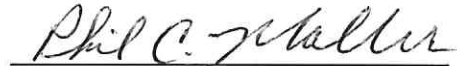
Chief Asher, Thank you!

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: There was no more business before the board of Commissioners the meeting closed at 3:50 p.m.

Chelan County Fire Protection District 7

Board of Commissioners:



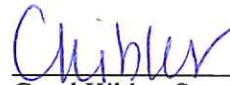
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Carol Kibler, Secretary