



Minutes
Chelan Fire and Rescue
Special Meeting
Wednesday, September 18, at 5:00 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/88541707011> or Meeting ID: 885 4170 7011. One tap mobile +12532158782,88541707011# US (Tacoma) +12532050468,88541707011# US

Flag Salute

Commissioners in attendance: Chairman Jones, Commissioner Donnell, and Commissioner Oules

Chelan Fire & Rescue Admin: Fire Chief Brandon Asher via Zoom, Assistant Fire Chief Shawn Sherman, Administrative Assistant Karla Mendoza.

Others Present: Commissioner Weiss, Commissioner Willoughby, Fire Chief Arnold Baker, District Secretary Reggie Trusel, Captain Nick Glenn, and Lieutenant/Training Officer Raynor Baker.

Call to Order: Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Chairman Jones suggested-no roll is needed

New Business:

Discussion with Chelan County Fire District 5 Commissioners regarding homeowner's Insurance increases and cancellations within both Fire Districts:

- Cascadia Home Assessment (F. Weiss)
- Homeowner's Insurance Issue (M. Donnell)
- Washington Fire Commissioners Association survey (M. Donnell/Roger Ferris?)
- Battalion Chief Position (B. Asher/A. Baker)
- Manson Training Center (A. Baker/D. Baker)
- Manson Residence Program (A. Baker/D. Baker)
- Cooperative Training (S. Sherman/R. Baker)
- Cooperative Administrative Office (M. Fifield/K. Mendoza/R. Trusel)
- Potential Visit to Okanogan Check Lines (C. Willoughby)
- Pioneer Fire Update
- Officer Input

- **Cascadia Home Assessment - Commissioner Weiss**
 - Home Hardening Incentive Program offered by Cascadia Conservation District (CCD)
 - Incentive program is for residents who want to prepare their homes and community
 - Reduces the risk of homes and structures igniting in the event of a wildfire
 - Maximum incentive payment is \$600 per household, following practice specifications
 - Shared personal experience of home assessment with Cascadia Conservation
 - Tree & shrub removal and adding gravel to his landscape
 - Commissioner Jones: Per their website they have an online checklist, it is near impossible to meet all the restrictions.



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- **Washington Fire Commissioners Association survey - Commissioner Donnell**
 - TIF:
 - Still working with the City of Chelan.

- **Battalion Chief Position – Chief Asher, Chief Baker**
 - Chief Asher:
 - How to grow Manson5 and Chelan7 together?
 - A shared Battalion Chief position could help both districts
 - Having a shared command staff is a way to move forward
 - How else can the two districts move forward and change for the future for both districts?
 - Chief Baker:
 - Waiting for the Manson 5 Commissioners to decide about this position.
 - Needs Commissioner's guidance
 - Currently in shoulder recovery
 - On light duty at this time but will continue to work on his blue card
 - Commissioner Donnel:
 - Is Chelan looking at a new position
 - Or is the District looking to use resources that are already available to both districts?
 - Chief Asher:
 - Would like to see a shared position for both Districts. A person to fill as Volunteer Retention Coordinator for both Districts.
 - Once Manson 5 District has Training Center, a new position/person will be needed to run and maintain the center.
 - Commissioner Jones:
 - How would the Districts split the time between both Fire Districts?
 - Chief Asher:
 - 50/50 split.
 - A dedicated person to work with volunteers
 - Chelan gets spread thin when getting into incidents, that are not always in only our District due to Mutual Aid agreements
 - Chief Baker:
 - Levy funds are to help fill the full-time position
 - Three chief positions have been budgeted
 - The Commissioners are discussing how to proceed
 - Would like to see that by the end of the year, decisions are made on how to proceed
 - Commissioner Jones:
 - Commissioner Willoughby and Commissioner Weis were asked if this is doable
 - Commissioner Weiss:
 - Stated Manson 5 Board is currently discussing all options
 - Hope they can produce a solution.



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- Chief Asher:
 - “A lot of change coming”
 - What is the best direction for Districts to move forward?
 - Noted that it would be nice for Chief Baker to see the change before retirement.
- Commissioner Willoughby:
 - Will do what is right and beneficial for both departments
 - Keep in mind that districts will continue to use taxpayers’ money wisely
- **Manson Training Center – Chief Baker**
 - Chief Baker:
 - Latest concerns: Department of Ecology and grant options
 - Phase 1 was missed ST52 property when purchased
 - Grant funding for soil mitigation will be challenging
- **Manson Residence Program - Chief Baker**
 - 3.3 acres of soil to mitigate.
 - Recommends splitting the project up
 - Training facility needs to come first, then residence quarters
 - Would be the easiest way to get started so project can move forward
- **Cooperative Training – Asst. Chief Shaun Sherman, Training Officer Raynor Baker**
 - Training Officer Raynor Baker:
 - Advocated to continue doing combined training/drills quarterly.
 - Agencies have done Wildland & Structural training
 - Volunteer Recruit Academy, and
 - Water Rescue.
 - Would like to see doing SCBA training in the future
 - Looking forward to the live fire burn of the Apple Cup building.
 - Would like to see more:
 - Planning next year’s training calendar and developing drills for new Training Center.
 - Would like to be able to do more combined drills with Chelan’s full-time staff (career firefighters).
 - Asst. Chief Sherman:
 - Recruit Academy was in Chelan last winter
 - Gave perfect opportunity to train on a consistent level-forced integration.
 - Agreed that doing quarterly drills should continue
 - The split position between districts would take over all of the volunteer training. Position would have access to Chelan’s resources and would be a “good way” to incorporate more manpower.



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- Stated that Manson 5 volunteer firefighters most times show up to Chelan's 7 fires more than own volunteer firefighters.
- Chief Asher:
 - Communicated to both District Boards: Manson volunteers were a big help over the summer with incident calls
 - Districts are working better together; everything is coming together and is starting to show.
- Chief Baker:
 - Would like to have a seasonal crew ready for MOBE next fire season; as of now, Manson has not been able to participate in prior years.
- Asst. Chief Sherman:
 - Suggested docking Chelan Boat 71 at Mill Bay or Manson Marina and have Manson crew man the boat for calls.
- Chief Baker
 - Has utilized Sheriff's boat in the Manson Marina
 - It will be beneficial to have two people on a call
- Commissioner Willoughby:
 - Really wants to see a combined agency Marine class
 - It would be another good opportunity to work together and see the participants' capabilities.
- Asst. Chief Sherman:
 - Recommended doing a rescue swimmer class too
- Commissioner Jones:
 - It is nice to have the seasonal pay not only for themselves but also for the agency.
- Commissioner Weiss:
 - Suggested planning a special joint event to Commemorate the 25th Anniversary of 9/11 next year.
 - Chief Asher: Advocated supporting the annual 9/11 Remembrance event in Cashmere and would like to see this event rejuvenated.
- **Cooperative Administrative Office- Reggie Trusel**
 - District Secretary Reggie Trusel announced the two districts' administrative staff will be attending the Washington Fire Chiefs- Fire Administrative Support Conference Oct. 7-9 in Everett, WA. Highlights: Equity, Diversity & Inclusion workshop, records management, working with people in trauma and communication styles.
- **Potential Visit to Okanogan Check Lines – Commissioner Willoughby**
 - Photo/video was displayed for the Commissioner Boards.
 - Pioneer workers are here until after the first of October cleanup, hauling logs and chipping.
 - Photos are of Cooper Road and Black Canyon fire break areas.



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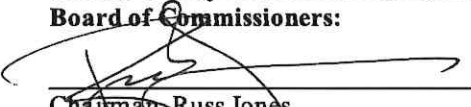


- When mitigation is complete, area will be available to tour
- **Pioneer Fire Update- Chief Baker**
 - Pioneer Fire has left for the high country, only being monitored
 - The Manson / Stehekin sides of the fire is where money was mainly spent.
 - Work was done to create fire breaks in surrounding areas of the fire, with hopes to have them stay forever.
 - Chief Asher: It was a challenge having to barge equipment and apparatus
- **Officer Input**
 - Asst. Chief Shawn Sherman
 - Joint Board meetings are helpful
 - Live fire burn for the Apple Cup will offer an opportunity to build their recruitment.
 - Asbestos inspection is in the works, and steps are being followed for the big event for the community
 - Ideas for possible community involvement: Firefighter For a Day – tour inside of the building or have the Apple Cup owner do a tour of the inside.
 - Will be inviting Waterville and Wenatchee Valley Fire to participate for Live Fire training

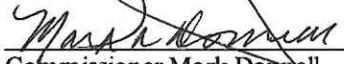
Adjournment: Board Commissioner Donnell Motioned to close the meeting with no additional business before the Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Adjournment:

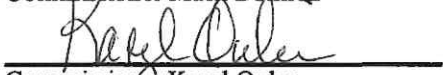
Chelan County Fire Protection District 7
Board of Commissioners:



Chairman, Russ Jones



Commissioner Mark Donnell



Commissioner Karyl Oules

Attest: _____
Karla A Mendoza, Administrative Assistant