



**MINUTES**  
**Chelan Fire and Rescue**  
**Monday, October 21, 2024, at 3:00 P.M.**  
**232 East Wapato, Chelan, WA 98816**



*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.*

**Flag Salute**

**Roll Call:** Chairman Jones, Commissioner Oules, Commissioner Donnell, Chief Asher, Assistant Chief Sherman, District Secretary Misty Fifield, and Administrative Assistant Karla Mendoza

**Regular Meeting Call to Order:** Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 15:00 at 232 East Wapato, Chelan, WA 98816

**Approve Agenda Commissioner Jones MOTIONED TO APPROVE the Consent Agenda as submitted. Commissioner Donnell seconded the MOTION CARRIED.**

**Public Comment:** None

**Consent Agenda Commissioner Jones MOTIONED TO APPROVE the Consent Agenda as submitted. Commissioner Donnell seconded the MOTION CARRIED.**

- Revenue and Expenditure Report: September 2024
- Payroll: 08-24-2024 to 09-24-2024 Paid 10-05-2024 Benefits: \$138,493.36, Salaries/Wages (Net) \$163,470.49 Total \$301,963.85.
- General Account Vouchers: 09-13-2024 Transaction #1205 to #1221 for \$51,885.43; 09-20-2024 Transaction #1236 to #1250 for \$7,549.96; 09-27-2024 Transaction # 1252 to #1257 for \$7,822.95
- Minutes: September 18, 2024

**Insurance Discussion:**

- Guest speaker via Zoom, Kenton Brine presents “Ecosystem of Insurance”
- Kenton Brine from the Northwest Insurance Council spoke about the nature of insurance and its coverage. He highlighted that prices are regulated by the Office of Insurance Commissioners and that underwriting operates in a competitive private market. Kenton expressed concerns about the accuracy of WUI maps and the assessment of homes, noting that insurance companies are striving to better manage their risks. He pointed out that while wind and hail account for 98% of claims, fire damage often surpasses the total cost of all incidents. Kenton also emphasized the need for rebates for home hardening and the creation of defensible space
- Chairman Jones- Do you see a change in the commissioners changing it?
- Kenton- Feels the potential candidate will work to make the change
- Chairman Jones- Renewal homes are being dropped. What course of action do the homeowners have?
- Kenton-Homeowners can audit the information the insurance company used
- Assistant Chief Sherman- Is there a plan for insurance companies to be included in the IBHA?
- Kenton-Yes, it will be here
- Assistant Chief Sherman- Does the chart include government property?
- Kenton-No, only privately owned homes/property
- Commissioner Donnell-Do you think there is a benefit to getting a group together for this insurance issue?
- Kenton-Yes, it's on a macro level and it needs to trickle out to a command level, involve everyone from the community, Fire Commissioners, Fire Chief, DNR, FS
- Chairman Jones-What would you see legislatively from the Commissioners and Chiefs?
- Kenton-Mitigation grants and wildfire-ready homes

**Insurance Meeting ended at 3:57**

**Public Comment-Commissioner**

- Donnell thanked Lisa Garvich for introducing Kenton Brine to him.



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- Commissioner Fred Wise- From what has been done since June he'd like to go to the legislation and speak about our efforts
- Commissioner Donnell- Thinks the resolution would be ok but wants to see something more constructive. Let's look at the legislation from a bigger group. After November 5 we will know who the players are in the legislative. We won't change things overnight. Further this discussion at the Commissioners conference with others.
- Lisa Garvich- have you looked at the Hazard map the DNR is doing?
- Chief Asher- It may be part of the mitigation plan
- Chairman Jones- This is a challenge. Kenton is supportive of the mitigation but if they don't look at the mitigation plan, what's the point?

**Fire Chief Report: (Chief Asher)**

**2024 Budgets & Financials:**

- I'll go over a summary of 2024 before going into 2025 during the following meeting

**Emergency Response Reports:**

- September Incident Response Report shows 88 calls for emergency services. Our 10-year average call volume for September is 81 calls.
- Rescue/EMS responses accounted for 64% of total calls for service with 25% of that non-transport (includes patients who died at the scene) or patient-transported POV which is a bit lower than normal
- Major incidents for September:
  - 09/09/24 – 3<sup>rd</sup> alarm brush Nahum Canyon Cashmere
  - 09/11/24 – MVC Boyd Rd.
  - 09/12/24 – EMAC deployment to California
  - 09/14/24 – MC vs. deer SR971
  - 09/25/24 – Watercraft rescue
- September turnout and response times (primary apparatus at Station 71) are within established service delivery goals as set out in SOG 010. Response times were extended due to mutual aid.
- Effective Work Force: Effective workforce was acceptable for call types.
- NO fire loss for September in the district

**Administration:**

- The Community Wildfire Protection Plan is still being updated. We are meeting with our zone partners to get it finished in the next couple of weeks.
- First Due integration is in full swing. So far, we have not had any major hiccups. I'm confident that we will still be on track to transition over before the end of the year. Some delays have occurred that are out of our hands due to Rivercom. These issues have been communicated with the Rivercom director and are supposedly being remedied ASAP.
- Karla and Misty attended the administrative conference.
- A lot of time was put into the 2025 budget which will be discussed later.
- Misty is finishing up the mobilization billing for multiple incidents.
- Payroll glitch will be paid out this pay period. It will show as a line item on their pay stub.
- I would like to purchase lightweight winter jackets for all career employees and all volunteers who have been here for 5 years or more. Approximately 25. At \$100 a piece. Or should we do 1 year? 3 years would add 5 more.
- Commissioner Donnell proposed purchasing lightweight coats for volunteers who have been with us for two years or more, a suggestion supported by Chairman Jones and Commissioner Oules.
- The seasonal staff are in their final week. They have provided considerable flexibility, and I hope to continue the program



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- Since Brindlee acquired ownership of the District 8 ladder truck, we may have the option to purchase it as a parts truck for scrap price
- Commissioner Donnell inquired about storage for the truck and suggested developing a storage plan. It was agreed that it would be stored on district property. Chief Asher will reach out to Brindlee for a proposal.

**Operations:**

- Began installation of generator in Station 71
- Update to our Fire Department: The I.D. card program is almost complete. Most photos have been taken for career and volunteers

**Community Risk Reduction/Events:**

- The association has been attending the Thursday Farmers market once a month

**Apparatus Status:**

- BT71 had a grinding issue when it was reassigned to Pioneer Fire to backhaul. Ended up being a bushing replacement. (\$150)
- Engine 71 is out of service with a repairable issue (Cummins technician only) Parts are in so hopefully we get that back this week.
- Tender 75 is back in service.
- We had spent time researching the ATV but have informed Northwest Fire Services that we will not be making the purchase.
- T74 has a manifold issue

**Stations:**

- Station 71 generator update. The motor is in the building, still need a few days to work on it then we will have an electrician in to wire it.
- Station 71 laundry room drywall repair is completed

**Recruitment/Retention:** Asst. Sherman:

- No gain and no loss.
- The large recruitment event will be at the Apple Cup Event at the large training burn on November 9<sup>th</sup>

**Long Range Discussion:**

- Commissioner Donnell suggested we keep pushing the Duty Officer rotation with Manson until it's stated "No"
- Chief Asher hopes the commissioners spearhead this until we are told, "No"
- Commissioner Oules feels 2 of the Mason Commissioners are on board

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

- Training Event: Apple Cup Live Fire Training – Nov 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. It's been an elaborate process due to involving WSP in traffic control

**Firefighters Association Report (Ron Simmons)**

- Discussion on how to staff the upcoming events and year-end activities

**Unfinished Business:**

- TIF – County is working on it this week. We need to consider how we will effectively work with our current staffing levels with no clear picture of new construction



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**New Business:**

**Special Events:**

- KOZI – Community Connection Thursday, October 17, 2024, @ 8:10 a.m. Admin assistant Karla Mendoza
- Thursdays Farmer's Market
- October 31 Trick-or-Treat in Historic Downtown Chelan
- November 3 Dia De Los Muertos
- November 11 Veterans Day parade 11 am

**Board for Volunteer Firefighters:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Commissioner Comments:** None

**Executive Session:**


Chief Asher requested a 5-minute executive session.

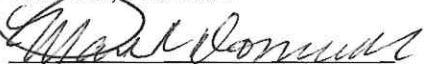
Commissioner Jones suspended the regular meeting for 5 minutes, 16:45. Reopened General Session: 16:50

No decision was made.

**Adjournment:** There was no more business before the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Donnell MOTIONED to ADJOURN the regular meeting at 16:50. The MOTION CARRIED  
**Chelan County Fire Protection District 7**

**Board of Commissioners:**

  
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Chairman, Russ Jones

  
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Commissioner Mark Donnell

  
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Commissioner Karyl Oules

  
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Attest: Misty L. Fifield District Secretary