

OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #6
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES (Topic: Citizens Advisory Committee)
November 29, 2016

A Special meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Palm on November 29, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

PRESENT: Commissioner Les Stokes, Commissioner Darold Brandenburg, Commissioner Jerry Palm, Interim Chief Cody Acord, secretary Mark Crum, old secretary Brian Colin, Ann McCreary from the Methow Valley News, Ross Darling, Ron Perrow, and John Owen and Larry Smith showed up at 7:05.

This meeting is to discuss the Citizen Advisory Committee, and will be treated as a workshop. No decisions were made. The commissioners decided to call it a committee verses a board.

Commissioner Palm asked the question, “why do we want to form a committee?” Commissioner Brandenburg feels that this is a great way to get community involvement.

Ron Perrow answered to promote communication and interaction between the public and the board of commissioners.

Commissioner Brandenburg feels that the committee should have around 8 individuals.

What advice does the commissioners hope to get from the committee?

Commissioner Palm feels that we need to have a focused direction. Commissioner Stokes feels that there should be a primary purpose.

Roger Ferris feels that the use of citizen advisory committees is effective for public outreach and to weigh in on issues. He is the executive secretary for the Board of Volunteer Fire Fighters.

The commissioners returned to the number of members. The commissioners agree that eight is a good number.

The commissioners then discussed meeting times and expectations. They feel that a meeting a month is a workable number.

The commissioners discussed several issues about the committee.

The committee would like to have the committee members apply. It should be open to anyone to apply.

Commissioners discussed if one of them will be present at the committee meetings or not. They feel that the district should have a representative there.

The commissioners debated having a committee that stays involved in a variety of matters or a committee that is only set up for a specific purpose.

The commissioners need to set up a time for a workshop to discuss.

The ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Commissioner Jerry Palm

ATTEST:

Mark Crum, Secretary