

OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #6
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
March 14, 2016

PRESENT: Commissioner Les Stokes, Commissioner Darold Brandenburg, Commissioner Jerry Palm, Interim Chief Cody Acord, Secretary Brian Colin, other people attending include: Ron Perrow, Mike Fort, James Schulz, Keith Comstock, Charles Hammer, Jesse Fuller Mark Crum, Courtney Creighton, Sara Crum, Brian McAuliffe, Jeff Jones, Larry Smith, Scott Edson, Paul and Emily Sisson, and Ann McCreary of the Methow Valley News.

MINUTES of the regular meeting, February 08, 2016 meeting minutes and the minutes of the February 22, 2016 Special Meeting minutes were reviewed with two minor corrections. Commissioner Palm moved that the minutes be accepted as presented with the two minor corrections. Commissioner Brandenburg seconded. The Minutes were approved with all in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Commissioner's reviewed the treasurer's report from February and approved. The ending balance was \$403,438.91 fund balance February. Commissioner Stokes moved that the February treasurer's reports be accepted and Commissioner Brandenburg seconded. Motion approved with all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: The district did not receive any new correspondence.

Commissioner Palm made a motion for the commissioners to go into executive session for 20 minutes. The session is about personnel matters and possible litigation. They will return at 7:27 PM. They needed a 15 minute extension. They returned at 7:47 PM. The commissioners will not be sharing the info of the meeting due to it regarding possible mitigation.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ron Perrow asked if the district got a second opinion on Don's contract. The district did get a second opinion from another attorney than Brian Snure.

Commissioner Brandenburg made a motion that the district leave all contracts and addendums in place regarding Don Waller's contract. Commissioner Palm seconded. Commissioner Palm then rescinded his vote. This matter will be tabled till next meeting.

The public asked a number of questions about Don Waller's contract. Paul Sisson feels that the district needs to just move on. He feels that the auditor review and the two attorney opinions are more than enough for the district to move on.

Mr. Schultz asked how long it took for the first engine to get to on scene.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND CHIEF'S REPORT:

The commissioners looked at a comp policy. Cody took the attorneys comp policy and put it into the district's format. The commissioners need to decide on the number of hours for the maximum comp time that an employee could accrue.

Commissioner Brandenburg made a motion that the district accept policy number 24 for a district comp time policy. Commissioner Palm seconded. All were in favor.

The State Auditor is still reviewing the district time sheets. He is not certain when he will be done.

The agenda is still being worked on so that it will be posted prior to the meeting.

Chief Acord has been talking with the PERC (Public Employment Relations Commission) about the employees' unionization. Commissioner Brandenburg made a motion that Chief Acord represent the district in negotiations. Commissioner Palm seconded. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: The county hazard mitigation plan is being reviewed. The district will be working with them.

Engine 651 had some damage from a tire chain. The district has had it repaired already.

Commissioner Stokes asked about the accounting of employee's time. Chief Acord discussed how it is going. Chief Acord has a summary sheet for the commissioners to review. It has totals through February.

Chief's Report: Chief Acord gave the commissioners a summary of the employee accruals. He also gave the commissioners a breakdown on what the district brought in, moneywise, for incident management or state mobilization for 2015.

VOUCHER APPROVAL: The vouchers were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Palm motioned to approve Vouchers #16-087 through 16-097 in the amount of \$26,638.01 for payroll and taxes which were presented for payment on March 1, 2015 and Vouchers #16-098 through 16-131 regular bills in the amount of \$24,453.92 for a total of \$51,091.93. Commissioner Brandenburg seconded. Motion approved with all in favor.

The ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Commissioner Jerry Palm

ATTEST:

Brian Colin, Secretary