

OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #6  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
May 09, 2016

PRESENT: Commissioner Les Stokes, Commissioner Darold Brandenburg, Commissioner Jerry Palm, Interim Chief Cody Acord, Secretary Brian Colin, other people attending include: Charles Hammer, Keith Comstock, Alan Fahnestock, John Owen, Jesse Fuller, Rusty Stamps, Zack Gurney, Paul and Emily Sisson, Sam Owen, Ross Darling, Mike Port, Kevin Stanforth, Linda Stanforth, and Larry Smith.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

MINUTES of the regular meeting, April 11, 2016 meeting minutes were reviewed. Commissioner Brandenburg commented that the minutes had 3 references to State District were change to County District Attorney. Commissioner Brandenburg moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Commissioner Palm seconded. The Minutes were approved with all in favor.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The Commissioner's reviewed the treasurer's report from April and approved. The ending balance was \$585,125.70 fund balance April. Commissioner Stokes moved that the April treasurer's reports be accepted and Commissioner Brandenburg seconded. Motion approved with all in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The district did not receive any correspondence.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Paul Sisson requested that the commissioners revisit Don Waller's contract. He would like to see this addressed and finally put to rest and approve the resolution.

In addition he would like to see public comment be more regulated. Allow public comment but keep it more orderly.

Ross Darling feels that the district needs to proceed with a citizen advisory committee.

John Owen would like to see an alternative to a committee. He would like to see more of a "town hall" type of meeting to allow for citizen input.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND CHIEF'S REPORT:**

There is an unresolved motion from the March meeting. Commissioner Brandenburg had made a motion that the district leave all contracts and addendums in place regarding Don Waller's contract. Commissioner Palm seconded. All were in favor.

Chief Acord discussed the comp time issue. There was a number of hours that were missed with one of the paid fire fighters. The amount of 633 hours was missing from the

Comp Leave payout from April 2016. The amount will be approximately 18,000. Commissioner Palm made a motion to approve the payout of accrued comp time. Commissioner Brandenburg seconded. All were in favor.

The interim chief talked to the County Auditor about where the payout of the comp time would come from. As long as the amount of expenditures doesn't go over the overall budget then it doesn't have to be adjusted. Chief Acord will be adjusting the amounts.

The interim chief talked with the Town of Twisp. He went over our organization chart. The town had all their questions answered and feel satisfied with the district structure.

The interim chief has done a bit of research on the new district server. The district has received a bid for the installation of a new district server. The overall bid is for under \$10,000. Commissioner Brandenburg made a motion that the district purchase a new server and start the replacement process. Commissioner Palm seconded. All were in favor.

Commissioner Stokes asked if the chief has checked into the installation of tanks on the district command rigs. The issue has not been researched yet. The chief has concerns about the installation of tanks in command rigs.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Capital improvements/Operations plan. The chief presented the commissioners with a summary of needed capital improvements and operation plan. The commissioners will review and discuss in the future. Commissioner Brandenburg would like to see the town's engines included in the improvement plan.

Commissioner Brandenburg asked who is taking care of potential grant writing now that Commissioner Reiber is no longer with the district and he was the main grant writer. The chief informed the commissioners that himself and one of the division chief's has written successful grants in the last few years and if available will continue to write grants.

The fire protection contract with the Town of Winthrop is up at the end of the year. The Interim Chief will be talking with them about their options. He will be meeting with mayor next week.

Chief's Report: Interim Chief Acord gave the commissioners sick/comp/and annual leave summaries for all employees through April. The commissioners reviewed.

VOUCHER APPROVAL: The vouchers were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Brandenburg motioned to approve Vouchers #16-181 through 16-191 in the amount of \$89,876.52 for payroll and taxes which were presented for payment on May 3, 2016 and Vouchers #16-192 through 16-216 regular bills in the amount of \$13,715.81 for a total of \$103,592.32 which were presented for payment on May 9, 2016. Commissioner Stokes seconded. Motion approved with all in favor.

The ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

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Commissioner Jerry Palm

ATTEST:

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Brian Colin, Secretary