

OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #6
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
June 13, 2016

PRESENT: Commissioner Les Stokes, Commissioner Darold Brandenburg, Commissioner Jerry Palm, Interim Chief Cody Acord, Secretary Brian Colin, other people attending include: Rusty Stamps, Josh Jankowski, John Owen, Paul and Emily Sisson, James Schulz, Ross Darling, and Mike Port.

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

MINUTES of the regular meeting, May 09, 2016 meeting minutes were reviewed. 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 May and approved. The ending balance was \$588,376.59 fund balance May. Commissioner Stokes moved that the May 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 move on from the past issues. He would like to see the district revisit staffing and station issues.

Jim Schulz asked about Don Waller's response to fires. Don responds to all calls and then Interim Chief Acord can release him if he is not needed. If he responds he will be on regular time not comp time.

Mike Port would like to see the Citizen's Advisory Committee started again. Emily Sisson would like to see the monthly meetings move to different stations throughout the district rather than just being at Twisp every month.

John Owen would like to see the Town Hall meeting concept versus the smaller advisory committee. He feels that the district needs to make the effort to get to where the people are located. It also allows the commissioners to get direct input from the community members.

Mike Port also likes Town Hall meeting concept but he feels that it should be directed by a committee.

Paul Sisson discussed advisory committees.

Josh Jankowski feels that Town Hall meetings should be judged based on the effectiveness of the first attempts.

Commissioner Palm discussed having 8 to 10 people per committee. Everyone discussed different committees that are happening throughout the valley. Chief Acord feels the commissioners need to start with a mission statement, plan, and direction. The commissioners will be coming back next meeting after looking into this a bit more.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND CHIEF'S REPORT:

The Town of Winthrop contract: Chief Acord talked with the town. They are interested in pursuing annexation. Commissioner Palm would like to see the town's request in writing. Commissioner Brandenburg asked how long it would take. Chief Acord said that the first step will be a pre-annexation agreement. All of the people present feel that the towns will benefit by annexation. Chief Acord would like to see a council member and a commissioner get together to start the process. Commissioner Palm made a motion that the district has Commissioner Brandenburg be the district representative to talk with the town of Winthrop. Commissioner Stokes seconded. All were in favor.

Chief Acord will start talking to the Town of Twisp about annexation. Commissioner Stokes would like to represent the district in talks with the town of Twisp.

Chief Acord presented the commissioners with a capital improvement plan and a replacement schedule for engines. Chief Acord also included the town's engines in the timeline. The commissioners reviewed in depth. The district is looking at grants to help possibly facilitate with the replacement schedule.

Commissioner Palm made a motion that the district adopts the replacement schedule presented by Chief Acord. Commissioner Brandenburg seconded. All were in favor.

Commissioner Brandenburg made a motion that the district adopts the capital improvement plan presented by Chief Acord. Commissioner Palm seconded. All were in favor.

Chief Acord looked into the weight rating for installation of water in command trucks. The existing command trucks don't have the rating capacity to hold additional water tanks. The district will be looking at getting larger extinguishers for the command rigs.

NEW BUSINESS: Board of Volunteer Fire Fighters. The district pays for health and retirement through the Board of Volunteer Fire Fighters. The Board of Volunteer Firefighters will have a meeting after the regular meeting.

Chief's Report: Interim Chief Acord went to the chief's conference. He found it very effective.

Commissioner Palm made a motion that the district gets a phone for a firefighter in return for being the district's Public Information Officer (PIO). Commissioner Stokes seconded. All were in favor.

Chief Acord gave the commissioners sick/comp/and annual leave summaries for all employees through May. The commissioners reviewed.

The commissioners went into Executive Session for 20 minutes to discuss contract negotiations. No decisions were made.

VOUCHER APPROVAL: The vouchers were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Palm motioned to approve Vouchers #16-217 through 16-227 in the amount of \$45,960.96 for payroll and taxes which were presented for payment on June 1, 2016 and Vouchers #16-228 through 16-254 regular bills in the amount of \$13,701.22 for a total of \$59,662.18 which were presented for payment on June 13, 2016. Commissioner Brandenburg seconded. Motion approved with all in favor.

The ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Commissioner Jerry Palm

ATTEST: _____
Brian Colin, Secretary