

OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #6
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
August 08, 2016

PRESENT: Commissioner Les Stokes, Commissioner Darold Brandenburg, Commissioner Jerry Palm, Interim Chief Cody Acord, Secretary Brian Colin, other people attending include: Max Jones, Rusty Stamps, Keith Comstock, Jesse Fuller, John Owen, Paul and Emily Sisson, Brian McAuliffe and Ann McCreary from the Methow Valley News.

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

MINUTES of the regular meeting, July 11, 2016 meeting minutes were reviewed. Commissioner Stokes 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 July and approved. The ending balance was \$414,450.23 fund balance July. Commissioner Brandenburg moved that the July treasurer's reports be accepted and Commissioner Stokes seconded. Motion approved with all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: The district did not receive any correspondence.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND CHIEF'S REPORT:

The Town of Winthrop contract: Chief Acord and Commissioner Brandenburg went and talked with the mayor and a town council member. The town is still interested in annexing. They do have concerns over costs, what to do about the town engine, and other concerns. The district gave estimates for costs. Commissioner Brandenburg and Chief Acord will be meeting with the town again on the 11th of August.

Everyone agreed that next February will be the earliest that the annexation can go to a vote. Monies would not come in for another year.

Chief Acord met with the town of Twisp Mayor about annexation. The mayor will be bringing this up with their safety board at their next meeting. It is in the early stages. Commissioner Stokes also talked to the Twisp mayor separately. Chief Acord gave info about initiating the annexation process.

The hiring process will be starting for the new district secretary. The district will have a special meeting on the 21st of September to interview new candidates. There will then be another special meeting to review candidates and possibly hire a new secretary on September 26, 2016.

The commissioners talked about the community advisory committee. Commissioner Stokes feels that the committee is needed to look at the new property. Commissioner Palm agreed with this idea.

The commissioners discussed the pros and the cons on committees.

The district attorney feels that the committee needs to be held to the same standards as the commissioners. The meetings need to follow the open public meetings and records act with recorded minutes.

Paul Sisson feels that the district needs to set real parameters for the committee and determine what the district really wants.

The commissioners will be reviewing the old citizen advisory committee agenda.

NEW BUSINESS: The hydrant at the Carlton Station is being used by the contract company putting in the new power line. They will be paying the district \$60 a load for water.

Commissioner Brandenburg made a motion that the district passes Resolution 16-01. Commissioner Palm seconded. All were in favor. This annexes the fire district into the county hazard mitigation plan.

Commissioner Stokes asked about people that are out on assignment. He did not know about the assignments and feels that this is an issue needing fixing now and a policy needs to be created. The district sent an alternate brush rig on an assignment. The district makes money on these assignments. Chief Acord informed the commissioners that they can call him anytime when they want to know information regarding the fire district.

Max Jones stated that State Mobilizations are mutual and that we have a lot of people that come to help us in State Mobilizations. It is reciprocal.

The commissioners would like to know when any of the apparatus or paid district fire fighters are leaving the valley on assignment. Chief Acord will be notifying the commissioners.

Chief's Report: Tender 631 is having issues with its fan clutch. It is possibly a warranty issue. The district will need to send stuff to Spokane for warranty repairs.

Division Chief McAuliffe was on assignment in Odessa for three days with a brush rig.

Chief Acord was on the Rail Fire for 7 days as a Division Supervisor. He is part of an interagency team.

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

VOUCHER APPROVAL: The vouchers were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Brandenburg motioned to approve Vouchers #16-296 through 16-306 in the amount of \$26,269.61 for payroll and taxes which were presented for payment on August 1, 2016 and Vouchers #16-307 through 16-330 regular bills in the amount of \$41,530.34 for a total of \$67,799.95 which were presented for payment on August 08, 2016. Commissioner Palm seconded. Motion approved with all in favor.

The ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Commissioner Jerry Palm

ATTEST:

Brian Colin, Secretary