

OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #6
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
August 12th, 2019

PRESENT: Commissioner Palm, Commissioner Stokes, Commissioner Brandenburg Asst Chief Stamps, Chief Acord, Secretary Mark Crum, other people attending include: See attached.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

MINUTES of the July 8th regular meeting Commissioner Brandenburg made motion to approve minutes as amended from the July 8th regular meeting, Commissioner Palm seconded, all were in favor.

Les Stokes made a motion to approve the amended minutes of the Special meeting July 29th, Commissioner Palm seconded, all were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Commissioner's reviewed the treasurer's report from July and approved. The ending balance was \$663,400.54 fund balance July. Commissioner Brandenburg made a motion that the June treasurer's reports be accepted and Commissioner Stokes seconded, all were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paul Sisson asks if the commissioners have looked into extractor cleaners for bunker gear, maybe there's a possibility of getting a grant like other fire districts.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bruno and Evelyne Betti Foundation Grant:

Chief Acord presents the information about the Bruno and Evelyne Betti Foundation. The foundation has approved a \$1.8 million grant for Okanogan County FD 6. See attached letter from the Foundation.

Foundation representative Sandy Mackie mentioned that this grant will help the fire district acquire other grants. Mackie discussed projects that the Foundation supports, and briefly explained what the grant is to be used for. Mackie also mentioned Winthrop Captain John Owen for his writing of the grant.

Station Design:

Commissioner Brandenburg sites the previous July 8th minutes, where Paul Sisson mentioned the Kittitas 7 station and how they tried to build in phases and ended up costing an extra million dollars and re-iterates his belief that building in phases is a bad idea.

Commissioner Brandenburg spoke with officials from Okanogan County building department, and they provided a 10 year history of building in the local area which shows over 100 – 250 new structures being permitted per year.

Public Comment:

Zack Gurney asks if the ballot language can clarify the stipulation for the grant in the levy or bond.

Alan Fahnestock clarified that the language in the ballot is provided by the county officials.

Pat Leigh commented that we'd have to do a good job of educating the public about how the Betti Grant is only awarded if funding for a new station passes.

Emily Sisson asked about adding to the pros vs cons section of ballot.

Commissioner Brandenburg made a motion that we'd provide the floor plan with the highlighted markings referring to the grant funding to the website Commissioner Palm seconded. All were in favor.

Commissioner Palm made a motion to include the acceptance letter for the Betti Foundation grant to the website, Commissioner Brandenburg seconded, all were in favor.

Exterior Station Design:

Discussion amongst the commissioners as to whether or not they should begin discussing the exterior of the building yet. Commissioner Brandenburg asked Watson & Ayers the engineer about building materials and asks the commissioners if they would like to each come up with a list of questions relating to all areas of the building so they have a better feel about the costs.

Public Comment: Pat Leigh recommends that the board gets two options prepared with different option packages. She's like to come to a meeting and see the two options presented and the board take a vote and approve an option.

Chief Acord proposed making a list as a board, and that we hold a special meeting to discuss with George Watson those questions.

Commissioner Palm says that they will make a specific list including building materials and brands of materials. Board decided to hold a special meeting to come up with the list, then present that list to George.

Palm made a motion to hold a Special Meeting to discuss the new station. Commissioner Brandenburg seconded and all were in favor. Special Meeting date August 26th at 7:00 PM at the Twisp Fire Hall.

Capital Improvement Plan:

Chief Acord presented the Capital Improvement plan which included items like improved training grounds, water supply in Carlton, etc. Betti grant will definitely help with some of the items listed on the plan.

Commissioner Palm made a motion to approve the Capital Improvements and vehicle replacement schedules. Commissioner Brandenburg seconded; all were in favor.

Carlton Station water rights:

Chief Acord was approached by the DOE about water rights in Carlton. In 2002 the DOE never completed the right permit. Currently there's one well for emergency use, and a second one for the station. Chief Acord spoke with the lawyer, who is not a water rights attorney. In reviewing he agrees that it probably doesn't need to be metered, but could help facilitate with a water rights attorney.

Commissioner Palm asked why they wanted a meter. DOE mentioned that previously the water right was for the community and was located behind the Carlton store.

OCFD6 attorney, stated that based on WAC's he's not sure that DOE can impose a meter or not. Chief Acord will do some research with the attorney and it will be tabled until that point.

Commissioner Brandenburg made a motion to accept Commissioner Stokes as a Commissioner and not a Firefighter, Commissioner Palm seconded. Stokes abstained from the vote.

Station Meeting location change:

Odd numbered months would be in Twisp, and even numbered months would be in Winthrop.

Commissioner Palm made a motion to approve Resolution 19-04 which states that the monthly meetings would be alternating between Winthrop and Twisp. Odd numbered months would be in Twisp, even numbered in Winthrop. Commissioner Brandenburg seconded; all were in favor.

Tender Loan:

Commissioner Palm made a motion to approve Resolution 19-03 which states that the Board authorizes the LOCAL loan process by Assistant Chief Stamps, Commissioner Brandenburg seconded, all were in favor.

Commissioner Brandenburg made a motion to approve Resolution 19-05 which approves the Reimbursement Form for the LOCAL loan, Commissioner Palm seconded, and all were in favor.

New Business:

Commissioner Stokes made a motion to make an item on the monthly agenda allowing for additions to the agenda, Commissioner Palm seconded, and all were in favor.

Commissioner Stokes made a motion to have a digital recorder available at the meeting for the purpose of assisting with the meeting minutes. No seconded, motion dies.

Commissioner Stokes asked if a call log could be made available at each board meeting.

Commissioner Stokes made a motion that a log of fire calls be available at each meeting, Commissioner Palm seconded, all were in favor.

Commissioner Stokes asked if the county could email a history of the radio transmissions.

Commissioner Stokes asked about radio logs on Sequin fire, Hudson fire, and the latest fire. Chief Acord recommends Stokes talk to the county using a public record request. Stokes clarifies that he's just looking for the response, apparatus and times of arrival. Chief Acord stated that he can provide that with the District's iSpy program.

NEW BUSINESS:**Chiefs Report:*****Monthly Accruals***

Chief Acord presented monthly accruals for leave for July.

Committees: N/A**Public Comment #2:**

Paul Sisson asks if somebody could pinch him in regards to the Betti Grant.

Commissioner Brandenburg backtracks to Commissioner Stokes' question about obtaining radio records of fires that relate to ongoing criminal investigations.

Commissioner Brandenburg thinks it's a bad idea for the Board to get involved with such matters especially when members of the Board are friends with the alleged criminal.


Ken Doran asks who authorized the use of heavy equipment on the fire, and asked if there had been an investigation?

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Executive Session #1 n/a

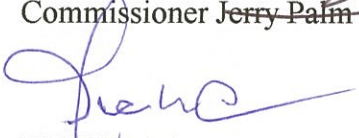
VOUCHER APPROVAL: The vouchers were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Stokes motioned to approve Vouchers #19-219 through 19-231 in the amount of \$27,261.35 for payroll and taxes which were presented for payment on July 21st Vouchers #19-261 through 19-293 regular bills in the amount \$22,597.52 for a total of \$49,858.87 which were presented for payment on August 12th, 2019. Commissioner Palm seconded. Motion approved with all in favor.

The ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM.



Commissioner Jerry Palm - Daniel Brandenburg

ATTEST:



Mark Crum, Secretary