

OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #6
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
September 21, 2015

The special meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Reiber on September 21, 2015 at 7:00 PM. The regular meeting scheduled for September 14, 2015 had to be cancelled due to a lack of a quorum.

PRESENT: Commissioner Darold Brandenburg, Commissioner Roy Reiber, Chief Don Waller, Assistant Chief Cody Acord, Secretary Brian Colin, other people attending included: Ron Perrow, Mike Port, Tiago Pacheco, John Owen, Mark Crum, Les Stokes, James Park, Frank Kline, Alan Fahnestock, and Ann McCreary of the Methow Valley News.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Commissioner's reviewed the treasurer's report from August and approved. The ending balance was \$305,745.75 fund balance August. Commissioner Reiber moved that the August treasurer's reports be accepted and Commissioner Brandenburg seconded. Motion approved with all in favor.

MINUTES of the regular scheduled August 10th, 2015 meeting minutes were reviewed. Commissioner Reiber moved that the minutes be accepted. Commissioner Brandenburg seconded. The Minutes were approved with all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no new correspondence.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Waller has not heard a response from the Town of Winthrop in regards to annexation or a new contract. He is expecting to hear from them in early October. This will not be time enough for annexation. Chief Waller would like to see a contract extension offered to the town with a 7% increase for services. The commissioners instructed Chief Waller to have Brian Snure draw up the extension with the 7% increase.

The FEMA grant: Chief Waller hasn't heard anything. Chief Waller would like to see the district contact our representatives to see if they can help. Commissioner Reiber will be looking into drafting a letter.

Chief Waller said the SEPA permit process has sort of stalled since the fires. Chief Waller will be revisiting the issue with the Town of Winthrop.

Chief Waller talked with the town planner of Twisp about the fencing for the new development north of Twisp. They realized that the fence is an issue.

NEW BUSINESS: The district needs to develop an MOA for their communication system as part of the county emergency management system. This is directly under the Okanogan County Commissioners. Commissioner Reiber made a motion that the district allows the County Emergency Management to use our repeaters. Commissioner Brandenburg seconded. All were in favor.

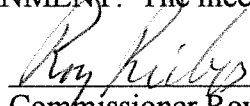
The Commissioners Conference is coming in October. Chief Waller thinks that the district should send someone. Commissioner Brandenburg has decided to go.

Chief Waller briefly discussed the Twisp River fire. The district was toned to the fire and when we arrived the fire was only 2-3 acres. It was a terrain driven fire. There was assistance by the Forest Service and DNR. There was a major wind shift and that is when things really blew up. The district did get a considerable amount of resources from the Forest Service and DNR. This helped a lot. Chief Waller feels that the urban interface engine saved the lives of the fire fighters that were up there.

The commissioners and Chief needed to have an executive session. The executive session started at 7:18 PM. The executive session was regarding possible litigation. The commissioners and chief returned from the executive session at 7:40 PM. The meeting continued.

VOUCHER APPROVAL: The vouchers were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Brandenburg motioned to approve Vouchers #15-365 through 15-374 in the amount of \$18,990.06 for payroll and taxes which were presented for payment on September 1, 2015 and Vouchers #15-375 through 15-406 regular bills in the amount of \$25,020.33 for a total of \$44,010.39. Commissioner Reiber seconded. Motion approved with all in favor.

The ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.



Commissioner Roy Reiber

ATTEST:



Brian Colin, Secretary