

OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #6
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
September 12, 2016

PRESENT: Commissioner Les Stokes, Commissioner Darold Brandenburg, Commissioner Jerry Palm, Interim Chief Cody Acord, Secretary Brian Colin, other people attending include: Charles Hammer, Mark Crum, Rusty Stamps, John Owen, Josh Jankowski, Brian McAuliffe, Rick Nordby, Ron Perrow, Jim Schulz, Mike Fort, Alan Fahnestock, and Ann McCreary from the Methow Valley News.

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

MINUTES of the regular meeting, August 8, 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 August and approved. The ending balance was \$352,619.81 fund balance August. Commissioner Stokes moved that the August treasurer's reports be accepted and Commissioner Palm seconded. Motion approved with all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: The district did not receive any correspondence.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ron Perrow brought up the employment contracts for Don Waller and Cody Acord. He feels that the contracts should be reviewed.

Commissioner Stokes would like to give Cody Acord the opportunity to address his contract. Commissioner Palm seconded. All were in favor. The commissioners will go into executive session to address.

A member of the audience asked if the fire fighters have credit cards. The district does not have any credit cards.

Jim Schultz would like to see what the total expenses are for Don Waller. The matter was debated and discussed by everyone.

Ron Perrow asked again about Don Waller's contract. He wanted to clarify if Don will be receiving additional pay from the hours that he is putting in now for responding to fire calls and keeping up on training so that he will keep his credentials active. When he is responding to calls or attending training he will not be using his accrued leave which will result in more accrual time left on the end of his contract.

John Owen stated that from a volunteer's point of view he feels that Don is invaluable to district and he is very useful in his limited role.

Ron Perrow feels that fire department overall does an exemplary job.

Josh Jankowski stated that he too feels that Don is invaluable to the district.

John Owen discussed how the district has now put into new policies and procedures that should eliminate most future issues.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND CHIEF'S REPORT:

The district has received four applications for the district secretary job. They will go into executive session later to review applications. The special meetings are scheduled for the 21st and 26th at 7:00 PM. The commissioners will add discussion of the annexation of the town of Winthrop to the meeting on the 26th.

The Town of Winthrop contract: Chief Acord and Commissioner Brandenburg are scheduled to have a meeting with the town of Winthrop on Thursday about annexation. The town needs to get numbers for the town on the rent for the station in Winthrop and the Winthrop Fire Engine. Commissioner Brandenburg would like to see the district pay around \$6,000 per year in rent for the station and then another \$4,000 a year for the engine rent. Everything else would be transferred to the district as there isn't much value.

Commissioner Brandenburg made a motion that the district present the Town of Winthrop with the rents of \$10,000 a year, \$6,000 for the station and \$4,000 for the engine in rent. Commissioner Palm seconded. All were in favor

The community advisory committee was discussed again. Commissioner Brandenburg feels that district needs to write concise objectives and goals. Chief Acord wants to give the commissioners questions for ideas of direction. Questions included: what do you want the committee to talk about, how do you want to receive the information, and when do you want the info (what timeframe do the committee members need to get the info to the commissioners). Commissioner Brandenburg wants to know how to get people involved.

NEW BUSINESS: Chief Acord gave the commissioners the Commissioner's Handbook from the fire commissioners. There is a conference coming up in Yakima. Commissioner Stokes would like to attend.

Brush 621 went to the Spokane Complex fires. The truck broke down. The brush trucks are getting worn out. They are from the early 1990s. It is starting to become a safety issue. The catalytic converter was completely plugged. There are a number of major issues. Chief Acord feels that the district needs to replace two brush trucks now. The replacement costs will have approximately the same payment as the last engine that we paid off. Chief Acord would also like to have the working trucks serviced. Chief Acord would like to get numbers for the district commissioners on new trucks. This will be discussed in the next meeting. The commissioners would like to have the existing brush trucks serviced.

Chief's Report: Brush 621 was out for 5 days on the Spokane Complex fires. Chief Acord went to the Sun Crest Fire for 5 days on the incident management team.

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

Commissioners would like to see a monthly review of Don's hours.

Executive Session: The commissioners will go into executive session for 20 minutes for an evaluation of qualification for new district secretary. They went into session at 8:14. They returned at 8:35 PM. No decisions were made.

Executive Session 2: The commissioners went into executive session for 10 minutes for performance of an employee and to consider amendment to an existing contract. They went into session at 8:37 PM. They returned at 8:46. No decisions were made.

Commissioner Stokes feels that the compressor at Twisp is on its way out. He feels that this should be replaced soon.

VOUCHER APPROVAL: The vouchers were reviewed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Stokes motioned to approve Vouchers #16-331 through 16-343 in the amount of \$26,269.69 for payroll and taxes which were presented for payment on September 1, 2016 and Vouchers #16-344 through 16-374 regular bills in the amount of \$19,487.35 for a total of \$45,757.04 which were presented for payment on September 12, 2016. Commissioner Palm seconded. Motion approved with all in favor.

The ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 PM.

Commissioner Jerry Palm

ATTEST: _____
Brian Colin, Secretary