

INFORMATIONAL ONLY

Meeting called to order at 8:31 a.m.at the Forks Firehall, 11 Spartan Avenue, Forks, WA

Commissioners Present: Gerry Morris, Dave Burt, Lowell McQuoid
Others Present: Bill Paul, District Chief; Deb Palmer, District Secretary
Volunteer FFs Present: Justice Barnes, Captain
General: Richard Halverson, John Hillcar

Vouchers: Vouchers, #15-238 through 15-282, totaling \$7,496.70 were reviewed. Dave moved that the vouchers be approved for payment, Lowell seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

Minutes: Meeting minutes from September 13, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Dave moved and seconded that the minutes be approved. Motion carried with Gerry abstaining due to absence at meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS—All communications were reviewed:

County: Cash Balances: \$ 408,564.94 (last month)
\$ 393,738.75 (current)
PenComm: Call numbers and budget information
Clallam Co. Budget: Budgets due by Nov. 30th
VFIS: Privacy notice
Enduris: Webinars

OLD BUSINESS

Levy Lift: Richard had questions about the reasons the district needs a ley lift.

An overview of the revenues (recapping what is in the brochure).The demand for time of the chief is high—near the equivalent of full-time.

Lack of volunteers is continuing to be problematic. Many other districts do pay stipends.

John Hillcar asked about how many properties are getting fire protection for which they are not paying. As an example, the low-income housing near the hospital are not on the tax roles.

John also brought up personal property taxes for the businesses. Does the district get revenues from those taxes? We will need to check with the Assessor's Office.

Justice mentioned that the amount the district has been charging for property taxes has been very low. If the measure passes, the assessment will continue to be lower than neighboring districts. He mentioned that we have made sacrifices and making do without.

OLD BUSINESS - continued

Levy Lift - continued: Lowell stated that the levy lift is not exclusively for a paid position and will help with operating and maintenance costs.

Chamber Oct. 14th We have been given the full program at Chamber. Dave and Justice will represent the department.

Water at Beaver: The tanks still need to be plumbed into the manifold. Darrel does have the items needed to connect to the fiberglass on the tanks.

Commissioner Position:We are not sure about options for addressing the absenteeism.

Gerry will draft a letter to Lew, including a sample resignation.

Richard reminded us the reasons for a five-member board which included not having two of three elected commissioners being in the same location

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Updates: Attended a barbeque for the local area districts—good attendance, all had a good time

Bill reported that he has been discussing the idea of stipends. He has been getting feedback in support of and opposed to the idea.

The need to recruit is critical. Justice has concerns that the low number of volunteers may force us to commit

Gerry indicated that the responsibilities of the chief will need to include recruiting.

2016 Budget: Draft worksheet distributed.

Deb can advertise for the budget meeting.

Justice recommends that we include increasing the training budget to either offer paid instructor courses here, or consider sending some volunteers to the academy at North Bend.

Gerry asked that they work up a simple estimate for training for the budget.

FIRE REPORTS:

9/15/15	1120	1180 Page Rd, trash pile
9/19/15	0927	390 Founders Way, False alarm
9/20/15	1506	71 Calawah Way, False alarm
9/24/15	1745	200 Elk Loop Dr, smoke scare/ unauthorized burn
9/28/15	0247	121 S Spartan Ave, False alarm
9/28/15	1006	Hwy 101 and Nolan Creek, mutual aid assist – logging accident
9/30/15	1329	302 Elk Valley Rd, authorized burning
9/30/15	1354	281 Elk Valley Rd, authorized burning
10/03/15	1313	1114 Russell Rd, mobile home fire
10/03/15	1908	Hwy 101, motor vehicle accident assist
10/05/15	1046	1221 Merchants Rd, Chimney fire
10/06/15	1946	Hwy 101, authorized burning
10/09/15	1435	S. Camas, False alarm, child pulled alarm
10/10/15	1318	1161 Bogachiel Way, Unauthorized burn

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Next Meeting: November 8, 2015, 8:30 a.m., Forks Firehall