

Clallam County Fire Protection District #1
Meeting Minutes February 14, 2016

Meeting called to order at 8:31 a.m. at the Beaver Firehall, Highway101, Beaver, WA
Notice of venue changed posted and advertised.

Commissioners Present: Gerry Morris, Dave Burt, Lowell McQuoid, Chet Hunt, Giancarlo Buonpane

Others Present: Bill Paul, District Chief; Deb Palmer, District Secretary; Dick Long, Forks Chief; Chip Keen, FD#6 Chairman; Tom Rosmond, FD#6 Commissioner; Bill Peach, Clallam County Commissioner; Patt Bruce, FD#6 Secretary; Jim Buck, (working on Emergency Management Planning); Richard Halverson; Scott Horton, FD#6 Commissioner;

Vouchers: Vouchers, #16-030 through 16-059, totaling \$15,043.58 were reviewed. Dave moved that the vouchers be approved for payment. Chet seconded. **Motion unanimously carried.**

Minutes: Meeting minutes from January 10, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Dave moved and Lowell seconded that the minutes be approved. **Motion unanimously carried.**

COMMUNICATIONS—All communications were reviewed:

- County Reports: Cash balance - \$405,565.20 (was \$416,756.73)
- WFCA: Legislative updates
Newsletter
Region 9 Workshop 4/9/16 Shelton
- Dept. of Fish & Wildlife: Protection payment \$164.14, @ \$92.34 owed – letter sent
- County Assessors: Assessed valuations
Clallam Value: \$318,237,387 Est. Taxes \$238,678
Jefferson Value: \$2,656,485 Est. Taxes \$1,992
- Census: Will be asked to complete one soon (required)
- WSFFA: Conference & Fire School June 3-5, Wenatchee

OLD BUSINESS

Water at Beaver: Nothing to report

Commissioners: Giancarlo Buonpane Oath of Office was administered by Gerry as Chairman.

Paid Position: We will defer to end of the meeting, going to Executive Session.

Protection Areas Not Paying: Lowell had spoken with John Hillcar, suggesting that this be deferred until we have a little more time to work on this.

Deb informed the commissioners that she doesn't have the time to work on this issue and that she recommends the work that needs to be done should be initiated by the next secretary to provide continuity in managing.

Bill Peach did check on the options for county structures. He suggested that the district notify all people letting them know that they do not pay for fire protection, and ask if they have all agreements on file. If non-responsive, send a second letter.

Bill reported that the County Housing office is exempted from paying taxes.

Deb reported that what we learned in the past was that it's difficult to determine values. Only building values are part of what was used for the state agencies we bill.

Lowell reported that in some areas for schools there is a fee per student per year.

Lowell recommends that John Hillcar be on a future meeting agenda.

Bill Peach said that he will support this effort in getting information we may need from the county offices.

Timber Revenue:

Bill Peach shared that he was elected to the Board of Natural Resources, representing the counties. They are looking at sustainable harvest 600,000 acres out of 1.4 million acres are tied up for marbled murrelet protection. They are also looking at protecting additional lands—which is all in Clallam County. \$1.5 billion dollars for 1,000 bird population is the cost of protection.

Timber revenues are down 40% in western Clallam County. Additionally, the county lands also have to have a ratio of 1:1 (one acre of cutting a stand has to have one acre of thinning) for habitat protection.

The committee Bill Peach is part of is looking at the options to consider how forest board lands are managed. (Is the Gray Harbor County model, for example, is an option to consider.)

Timber Revenue - continued: Jim Buck, reported that when he worked with DNR Commissioner Jennifer Belcher trying to introduce legislation requiring legislative approval to be in a Habitat Conservation Plan. The measure did not pass.

Bill Peach spoke about: Wahkiakum and two other southwest counties. One is getting funding from the legislature to offset lost revenue due to occupied stands and inability to harvest those stands. Two of the counties did not receive the funding. They are exploring selling the lands.

In Linn County, Oregon, the county is suing the State of Oregon for \$1.4 billion in lost revenues.

There are committee meetings once per month on Fridays, starting at noon. Bill encouraged the commissioners to consider watching the meetings on the internet and/or speak with a representative on the committee. HCP and Fiduciary Responsibility are two of the areas reviewed in the committee meetings – he highly recommends those be viewed.

Bill Peach commented on the lack of knowledge/awareness about the settlement agreement DNR is in for managing timber lands. It was a result of a suit over the last sustainable harvest calculation. DNR agreed to the settlement to be able to continue managing/harvesting. Clallam County was the hardest hit area. There are restrictions on timber stands older than 50 years of age.

The sustainable harvest calculation should have been done two years ago. Bill Peach is advocating an economic analysis for each option considered for managing the county owned timber lands.

The commissioners thanked Commissioner Peach for his efforts and are willing to support efforts if needed. Bill Peach suggested inviting Phil Kitchel to come speak about the issues at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

District #6:

Chip Keen reported that they have been trying to improve the water situation on the Quillayute Prairie. The Navy (when it was there), had working wells. They were not maintained after the Navy left.

The old well is on private property. The owner is amenable to allowing the well to be used. Discussion about the water being potable. The well the district is considering using is not potable water.

Emergency Mgmt. Planning: Jim Buck spoke about the work he had done in the past for emergency planning preparation. 43 earthquakes have occurred in the last 10,000 years. The last one was 316 years ago. The average time is 243 years. Jim is available to come present the full presentation.

An event will result in the county will be broken up into about 20 micro islands. We're the only county in the state that has looked at this, and identified the micro island areas.

About six micro-islands: LaPush to bottom of Dickey Lake to Three Rivers. Another is Fairholm to Bear Creek, one from Bear Creek to Forks, one to Forks, then to Jeff Co. line. Clallam County is working on an agreement to assist with the Hoh area. There would be a Hoh North and Hoh South zone. Jim will forward information on these micro islands to us.

Cascadia Horizon planned for June. (Preparing for incident response.)

Jamie Wisecup can give us the website and YouTube video sites.

Discussion about communication and restoration of services. It's likely to take up to year. Communications will initially have to use ham radio operators.

The Quillayute Airport may result in a hub that could be used. This is being explored further.

March 13th, Jim Buck will come back and use the DNR Conference Room so that as many firefighters and others as possible.

Chief Updates:

Bill reported that the sheriff arrested someone for the arson fire at the house last month. Justice Barnes and Chris Paul went through investigation training. Their work provided a lot of evidence the sheriff is using.

Two FFs finished the FF1 class. They are now responding to calls on a limited basis.

Another class is starting next Thursday. A couple from Dist. #6 will attend, and five from Forks.

We're till waiting to find out if we are getting a grant for equipment.

We are short on people to respond during the day (only two). A key responder is out of country for another month.

Chief Updates – continued: Working on getting donations to provide car seats. There is only one person that is certified to instruct on car seat safety. Wanting to run a car seat clinic.

Installed three smoke detectors at 140 Elderberry. The district is out of donated detectors. Bill is hoping to get donations to have more available.

Bill added information on the district's web site about the emphasis in Alder Grover—54 detectors were installed in 113 trailers. (Detectors were donated by the Red Cross.)

Jim Buck recently took National Guard around the peninsula. One of the biggest concerns they identified was the amount of unsecured propane tanks.

Billings to State Agencies: Deb billed the state agencies, adjusting for the new rate of \$0.75 per thousand building values.

Injury Report: Deb reported that she tripped at the firehall in December and had to file an L&I claim for a small broken bone in her foot.

Signature Cards: Updated signature cards for the county offices were completed.

Stipend Waivers Signed: The commissioners each signed a waiver to not receive a stipend.

FIRE REPORTS:

01/15/16	0741	Hwy 101 & Russell Road, assist with motor vehicle accident
01/29/16	1745	945 S. Forks, Ave, Pre-fire inspection—Sunshine & Rainbows
01/31/16	2231	2551 Calawah Way, broken water faucet,
02/01/16	1256	Hwy 101 & Burnt Mtn. Road, motor vehicle accident reported, nothing found
02/01/16	2233	450 Bogachiel Way, smoke detector issue, assisted owners
02/05/16	1926	1500 LaPush Road, electrical wiring issue
02/11/16	1139	171 N. Forks Avenue, gas spill, resolved by time of arrival
02/13/16	0959	Sarge's Place, low water pressure

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session to discuss hiring of Chief at 10:04

Executive Session ended at 11:29.

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Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Next Meeting: March 13, 2015, 8:30 a.m., DNR Conference Center

Respectfully Submitted: _____
Secretary

APPROVED:

_____, Commissioner _____, Commissioner

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_____, Commissioner