

EUREKA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

December 10, 2009

764 Hoffman Rd Prescott, WA 99348

MINUTES OF MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: The Eureka Fire Commissioners meeting was called to order at 19:03 by Chairman Steve Hoffmann.

PRESENT: Steve Hoffmann, Loren McKee, Tad Cowell, Jim Ruffcorn, Sara Winona, Aaron Hoffmann, Kevin Chabre, and Manual Almanzar.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of 11/12/2009 meeting were provided in hard copy to each commissioner and were approved with the addition of adding Tad Cowell to those present. Approved by Tad, seconded by Loren McKee.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No petty cash expenditures, Expense account \$230,453.06, Reserve account \$31,142.20

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLS: Vouchers audited and certified by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the board. Bills approved for the amount of \$10,437.67 by Loren McKee, Seconded by Tad Cowell.

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO: Investment pool update faxed in from Gordon Heimbigner, Walla Walla County Treasurer. Reports discussed and shared among commissioners.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Narrow band rules still coming for 2012. Currently adding more repeaters in county.
- Called Rating Bureau regarding visit and still have not heard back.

DISTRICT BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

- Manual shared copy of WACs with commissioners regarding fire department training. Areas were discussed and Jim Ruffcorn said he would get an exact list of required trainings to commissioners in next few days to Chairman. No motions were made on training requirements.
- Review of SOPs was postponed due to lengthy presentation of WACs.
- Discussion of new red-card wild land requirements being met this year were discussed and it was decided that all volunteers will have at least until the second year to comply with new requirements.
- Allowing minors on department has been approved for training purposes only. It was asked that Sara Winona come up with an informed consent form for next month to have minors' parents sign.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Board of Volunteer firefighters new Laws for Pension requirements were discussed. Nine volunteers did not make the criteria for pension in 2009, meaning that a refund of their pension money will be coming back to them. It was decided that members who did not make the 10% of calls and/or training will be eligible to remain on fire department. If they do not make the trainings they will not be allowed to respond to calls.
- Schedule changes in training was discussed and Steve Hoffmann asked for a better plan to be presented to inform volunteers on training dates as well as new training requirements. Possibly to have another person come talk to the group and explain new requirements and have concrete dates/time of year each training is routinely done. Suggestions for someone to talk to group were Brian Jones or Rocky Eastman.
- Steve Hoffmann also suggested making trainings more applicable to our district and location. Use real-life situations and scenarios that we encounter, not statistics from larger areas that do not help volunteers to learn or retain any information.

MISCELLANEOUS: Chairman Steve Hoffmann asked why the commissioners were not informed about the write-in campaign that was conducted in the district, and was stopped by Manual Almanzar stating that it was illegal to talk about elections at the meeting. Further discussion was postponed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioners only at 8:43 PM

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND INFORMATION: Manual Almanzar reminded commissioners that the position of assistant chief was listed as a paid position in SOPs and that it should be followed even though it has been planned to be changed.

CITIZENS COMMENTS AND BUSINESS: None

ADJORNMENT: There being no further business or comments the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

Chairman