

EUREKA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

January 11, 2009; 1900 Hours

764 Hoffman Rd Prescott, WA 99348

MINUTES OF MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: The Eureka Fire Commissioners meeting was called to order at 19:07 by Chairman Steve Hoffmann.

PRESENT: Steve Hoffmann, Loren McKee, Tad Cowell, Jim Ruffcorn, Sara Winona, Aaron Hoffmann.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The Minutes of the 12/11/08 meeting were available in hardcopy to each commissioner and were carefully reviewed. Minutes approved by Tad Cowell as is, seconded by Loren McKee.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Walla Walla County December 2008 treasurer's report reflected the following: Expense \$302,821.90; Reserve \$30,880.15

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. January bills totaled \$11,966.38 which was reviewed and approved by Tad Cowell and Seconded by Loren McKee.

INVESTMENT CD'S: Auditing Officer will invest all expense and reserve monies minus current month's bills. Total investment of \$290,800 from expense and \$30,800 from reserve, totaling \$321,600.00 Investments approved by Loren McKee, Seconded by Tad Cowell.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Chief Ruffcorn gave update on financial crisis for Walla Walla Ambulance services and the City of Walla Walla. They are currently looking into numerous options for more funds. This can affect district services in the future.
- Part of D5 is now mutual aid with Pasco Ambulance. Pasco has a new Fire Chief. Still not an option for D3, with will remain with Walla Walla and Medstar.
- ESCAB is creating committee on radio grants, Chief Ruffcorn will be on committee. 10-20% match grants available, possibly late this coming summer. Will be P25 hand narrowband capable, 2 companies carry that in 100 Watt.
- ICS classes- FEMA changing sites. David Winters of CP Fire will now be teaching the class.
- Gathering grant information on buying SCBA's and structure gear. Possible 100% grants.
- Had Aaron Hoffmann check into limited Slip Differentials in Grass Units. Estimates were \$1800 for rear-end and \$2800 front-end for each vehicle. Commissioners approved front-end work in G31 & G33 and both front and rear in G32 & G37.
- Chief raised concern of studded tires on all grass units. Commissioners felt it was only necessary to have them on R3 and C31. Chains are now located in each vehicle's tool box for severe weather conditions.
- Chief looking into new/used chassis for a new tender at Woodpecker truck for \$17,000 and \$23,000. Commissioners asked for more options to be presented for tenders. They would like to see numbers on cost of repair on old tenders, trade in values, and costs of new tender.

OFFICER'S REPORT:

- Aaron Hoffmann reported that R3 had a fuel and water leak. Aaron requested taking R3 to town and having all small leaks and repairs fixed and estimate for fixing air conditioning.
- All other vehicles are updated

DISTRICT BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

- Truck lift tabled until Mel OpBroek is available.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Several volunteers are interested in taking EMT course offered at WWCC in March 2009, yet are unable to come up with funds before class. Options were discussed and it was decided a contract shall be made up and volunteers that are recommended by chief. Each volunteer will be able to have classes paid 100% by district with the promise of at least 1 full year of service from volunteer, and the understanding that they are responsible for paying for the class if they drop it or are unable to complete the course for any reason. Secretary will work up contract for review next month.
- Mutual Aid Contract signed by chief with D7, that we are able to respond to District 7 tones without prior authorization.

MISCELLANEOUS: Concern of high rate for Dec. REA Bill, options were discussed to change out doors at Station #32. It was concluded that was a good option for a later date.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None needed

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND INFORMATION: Tad Cowell raised concern on high number of volunteers in home at recent call on his ranch. He requested Chief Ruffcorn address the issue for future runs.

CITIZENS COMMENTS AND BUSINESS: None

ADJORNMENT: There being no further business or comments, the meeting adjourned at 18:56

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

Chairman