

OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #6
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
February 14th, 2022

PRESENT: Commissioner Brandenburg, Chief Acord, Secretary Mark Crum, and Commissioner Milliken, see attached list of attendees.

Room had been sanitized ahead of time and were at less than 50% occupancy.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.

Additions to agenda:

No additions to agenda.

Minutes approval:

Commissioner Brandenburg makes a motion that we approve the minutes for the January 10th Meeting with a change to the Financial Report approval, as Commissioner Palm made the motion, not Stokes, Commissioner Milliken seconded, all were in favor.

Financial Report:

Commissioner Brandenburg made a motion to approve the financial report from the County in the amount of \$2,244,843.52. Commissioner Milliken seconded, and all were in favor.

Public Comment:

Pat Leigh thanked attending firefighters and the commissioners for their good job.

Leigh comments about fire safety in the community, and they're now owners of a condo in Cascade Condos and is sitting on the board. Pat is concerned about the safety of their neighborhood with all the new homes being built in the area. She points out that they only have 1 road in and out of the neighborhood. Pat believes that it's a fire trap, there is 48 new units, 100+ car parking stalls and there's already issues with parking in the area.

Commissioner Brandenburg and Milliken discuss what the FD's role is in planning and code.

Rick Rottman mentioned some website updates.

Old Business:

New District Station Building

Chief Acord working with Blews Construction on change orders.

June 11, 2022 would be a completion date as of now, but they are anticipating going over by 53 days. They would like the District to acknowledge the potential of that and what the costs would be.

Civil costs increased due to delayed approval of permit from the town of Winthrop. Total increase is approximately \$126,000.

Acord talks about what can be removed from the existing plans, cutting \$90,000 worth of landscaping. Could cut out some concrete curbing for \$26,000

Other items to remove include Sign board removal at entrance, and signage on the building. Those items total up to \$123,000.

Miles mentioned that he'd like to see the main sign board, or something to mark the fire station at the entrance.

Commissioner Brandenburg makes a motion to approve change orders 30,31,32 and 33 for a reduction in cost and elimination of building signs, landscaping, concrete curbing, Commissioner Milliken seconded and all were in favor.

Commissioner Brandenburg makes a motion to sign the change orders for the Civil cost increase and recognize the potential cost increase for extending past completion date. Commissioner Millikan seconded and were in favor.

Mazama Fire Hydrant:

Alan Fahnstock reports that he's collected approximately \$30,000 in checks, \$7,000 in gofundme, for a total of \$37,685. Irrigation Company's estimate comes in at around \$77,000, and they're still needing to build a house/shed for the pump control. Alan anticipates needing over \$110,000 for the entire project. Discussion about the type of system, and the campaign that Alan has organized.

Chief Acord reminds the board that the FD will be responsible for the power bill on the site.

BLM Agreement:

Chief Acord summarizes the BLM Reciprocal Fire Agreement, he details out who's able to fight fire where, and who gets reimbursed or charged for protection services if mobilized.

Commissioner Brandenburg makes a motion to approve the Reciprocal Fire Agreement with the BLM, Commissioner Milliken seconded and all were in favor.

New Business:

Town of Twisp Fire Protection:

Commissioner Brandenburg met with the Town of Twisp, and not much to report. Brandenburg makes a point to mention that the Town is interested in annexing, and they had questions about such items as what existing resources are worth and if the District would be interested in buying the existing property. Acord reminded the board that there is verbiage in the existing contract about what the value actually is based on calculations.

Chiefs Report:

Review of accruals from Chief Acord by the Commissioners.

Review of call logs.

Discussion about the necessity of reviewing the logs.

Executive Session:

Public Comment #2:

Paul Sisson discusses landscaping, and what it may take for temporary solutions as to not setting up for more expense in the future.

Pat Leigh asks about the potential for more grant money for the New Fire Station?

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Commissioner Milliken made a motion to accept vouchers, Commissioner Brandenburg seconded, all were in favor.

The ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:55PM

PM.

Commissioner Jerry Palm

ATTEST:

Mark Crum, Secretary