

OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #6
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
March 8th, 2021

PRESENT: Commissioner Stokes, Commissioner Brandenburg, Commissioner Palm, Chief Acord, Secretary Mark Crum, other people attending include: Brian McAuliffe, Bruce Hevly, Paul & Emily Sisson, Jeremiah Fosness, John Owen (via conference call).

All attendees were social distanced and wore face masks. Room had been sanitized ahead of time, and were at less than 25% occupancy.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.

Additions to agenda:

No additions to agenda.

Minutes approval:

Commissioner Stokes makes a motion that we approve the special minutes for the February 8th meeting, Commissioner Brandenburg seconded, all were in favor.

Financial Report:

Grand Balance \$418,410.92 Commissioner Brandenburg made a motion to approve the Treasures report, Commissioner Palm seconded, all were in favor.

Public Comment:

CORRESPONDENCE: n/a

Old Business:

New District Station Building

Commissioner Palm had a question about testing the soil at the building site, the specs state that its recommended that the soil be tested. Commissioner Palm wants to make sure that the specs state its recommended to test the soil, but Brandenburg pointed out that in other parts it states it is required.

Chief Acord points out that the spec is asking for a 6 month completion date. Discussion amongst the Board that the short duration may add costs to the project, along with working during the cold months. Board agrees that an 11 month build time is more likely and could help keep the costs down.

Chief Acord also points out that the spec requires 2 stations to have been built to be an acceptable contractor. Board discussed that they are going to change it to 1 station within the last 5 years.

Chief Acord also asks about alternate bids. Currently the alternates are extra bay, and batt insulation. No further suggestions from the board.

Commissioner Brandenburg made a motion to continue the new station discussion at the end of the meeting.

Cell Tower Lease:

Discussion amongst the board about what happens if the cell tower is sold. Board asked if Chief Acord can have the attorney go through perpetual easement and clarify.

New Business:

Carlton Station water access. Chief Acord finally was able to get a water meter installed on the pump at the Carlton station, company out of Chelan.

Chiefs Report:

Monthly Accruals and call log review.

Public Comment #2

Paul Sisson re-stated the board's discussion about the New District Station. Has a question for Acord about what the bonding agent predicts interest rates. Chief Acord mentioned that the rates are still in the low 2% range.

John Owen asked if the bid documents could state an option for alternate time range. "Contractor may propose an alternate schedule if cost effective". Commissioners agree that's a good idea.

Back to tabled discussion:

Commissioner Brandenburg makes a motion to go out for bid, as long as Chief Acord can have Watson and Herres make a few adjustments in bid documents. Those adjustments are the "option for the contractor to propose an alternate schedule if cost effective", and clarification on the soil being tested after compaction, and that the contractor needs to have built 1 fire station in the last 5 years.

Good of the order:

VOUCHER APPROVAL:

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

The ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:52

PM.

Commissioner Jerry Palm

ATTEST:

Mark Crum, Secretary