

OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #6
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
August 9th, 2021

PRESENT: Commissioner Brandenburg, Chief Acord, Commissioner Palm, Commissioner Stokes, Secretary Mark Crum, and 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 7:00 PM.

Additions to agenda:

No additions to agenda.

Minutes approval:

Commissioner Brandenburg makes a motion that we approve the minutes for the July 12th Meeting, Commissioner Palm seconded, all were in favor.

Financial Report:

Commissioner Brandenburg made a motion to approve the financial report from the County in the amount of \$4,891,932.70, \$4.2 million of that is for the station bond, Commissioner Palm seconded and all were in favor.

Public Comment:

Paul Sisson stated that he hopes the Commissioners don't hesitate to go back to Zoom meetings if necessary.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chief Acord presented the Board with a letter from Richard Tinglested and Isabelle Spohn which had been presented to the Town of Twisp Commissioners with requests for the town to increase their wildland fire preparedness.

Donation from Brenda Dunn and Alfred Higgins in the amount of \$500 thanking the Fire District for their service, especially Commissioner Brandenburg and the work he does.

Another donation from Karla Segale for \$200 thanking the district for their service.

Old Business:

New District Station Building

Jimmy Cahill from Cahill Custom Builders gave a status update of the new station for the Board. Footers are framed and rebar is in, site prep was brought down 1^{ft} in grade. Plumbers and electricians are running sleeves in preparation for their work. Jimmy met

with Tim the construction manager, and they're about as far as they can get for now. They think they're about two weeks from a permit.

Chief Acord reports that as of Friday the 6th the engineer was able to get the new version of the plan to the Town of Winthrop. Once everything is approved the town will want payment of the permit before issuing, so we may need to schedule a special meeting. Chief Acord is working on options for payment to keep the process moving. The Town of Winthrop is reluctant to give any estimate of cost of permit, Chief Acord is continuing to pursue options with the Town.

Blews Construction has prepared a document showing a start date which is contractually obligated to declare, contract states that the start date should be the date that the permit is issued.

Commissioner Brandenburg makes a motion to approve the Official Start Date notice from Blews effective July 14, 2021, Commissioner Palm seconded, all were in favor. Chief Acord signed the document.

Chief Acord has some info about the cell tower lease agreement. Districts attorney has been working with the Fire Chief and the Cell Tower company. Working on some sticking points with the perpetual easements including, if the tower is abandoned, how many years the FD has to reclaim property. Commissioners were acceptable with a 5 years for a timeframe on abandonment.

New Business:

State Auditors Agreement, the State Auditor's office is looking for agreement for Data Sharing with regards to the last audit. With the data sharing platform they used, they had a hacker break into the system. Chief Acord is working with the attorney for an acceptable agreement.

Chiefs Report:

The newer Winthrop Tender is now operational again, approximately 3-4 weeks of downtime, due to factory mechanical issue.

Mazama's tender is still getting worked on, there was an issue with the PTO. Jeremiah was able to replace the part, but still had some issues, so it's been at General Fire for more repairs, should be picked up July 13th.

Monthly Accruals and call log review by the commissioners.

Cedar and Cub Creek fires, Chief Acord commends the district and staff for good work they did on both fires. Davis Lake fire was caught fairly small, and the DNR worked it. Acord reports that Assistant Chief Stamps and himself have been active with the

Management Teams for the large incidents, but that time commitment should be going down in the near future. Contingency lines have been put in on strategic areas.

Commissioner Palm and Brandenburg comment on the good job of the Fire District.

Other Committee Reports:

Public Comment #2

Emily Sisson talked about the report on the Washington Post.

Paul Sisson has a question about the number of fire calls, June had around 50, and July had 64 in one month.

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VOUCHER APPROVAL:

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

The ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:36

PM.

Commissioner Jerry Palm

ATTEST:

Mark Crum, Secretary