

Regular Meeting 09-12-2022 1

DOUGLAS OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 15
APPROVED MINUTES

Ambulance Hall

Brewster, WA

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Douglas Okanogan County Fire District 15 was called to order by Chairman Lonnie Fenton at 6:00 p.m. at the Ambulance Hall.

IN ATTENDANCE: Commissioners Chris Bailey, Secretary Kaylee Jensen, EMS Director Tonya Vallance, District Chief Bill Vallance and Pateros Station Chief Kerry Heen

REMOTE ATTENDANCE BY PHONE OR COMPUTER: Commissioners Lonnie Fenton and Tim Baird

Consent Agenda

Board Consent Agenda

Minutes 08/08/2022 regular meeting

Vouchers 08-22-2022, 09-12-2022

Fire District

August 22, 2022 Financials amounting to \$38,768.61

August 22, 2022 Payroll amounting to \$6,511.18

September 12, 2022 Financials amounting to \$13,808.51

September 12, 2022 Payroll amounting to \$4,406.27

Ambulance

August 22, 2022 Financials amounting to \$28,921.34

August 22, 2022 Payroll amounting to \$14,158.29

September 12, 2022 Financials amounting to \$63,726.61

September 12, 2022 Payroll amounting to \$9,723.01

Lonnie/Chris moved and seconded to approve all items on the Board Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY REPORT: The August Secretary report was emailed to the Commissioners. The Secretary reported FEMA and USDA Emergency Rural Health grant funds were received. Discussion held.

DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Chief Vallance reported a USDA Community Wildland Defense grant had been inquired about and it was found we have no projects at this time that qualify.

R&M service was completed on all the generators and fire extinguishers.

Firefighters were able to utilize the new UTV to get around and close to a fire responded to on the night prior to the meeting. The water tank was filled and the UTV was easier to get to the scene better than the trucks.

The District responded to 62 calls since last meeting including EMS calls.

SOP/SOG COMMITTEE REPORT: District Chief reported the committee discussed the SOP/SOG draft policy. An edit will be done to add the requirement of having a fire shelter available on the UTV before a final version is submitted for

approval. UTV training was provided to EVIP trained firefighters.

EMS UTV update: The EMS UTV was acquired last week. A two-part training will be required for EMS UTV use.

PATEROS REPORT: Chief Kerry Heen reported firefighters responded to 3 wildland fires, 2 activated fire alarm calls, a semi-truck fire and an MVA incident at the Cemetery. Firefighters completed Hazard response training at the AG warehouses on Industrial Way. District Chief Vallance brought the UTV to Pateros for firefighter training. Firefighters completed smoke patrol after a thunderstorm. Upcoming trainings was discussed.

R&M on trucks was discussed.

BREWSTER REPORT: Chief Victor Vargas was absent. Chief Vallance reported firefighters responded to 21 calls including an MVA incident, wildland fires and provided mutual aid to Waterville. Firefighter training was similar to Pateros firefighter training and firefighters completed a swimming pool training.

ROCKY BUTTE REPORT: Chief Sal Rodriguez was absent.

METHOW REPORT: Chief Joe Kitzman was absent.

EMS DIRECTOR REPORT: Tonya reported Governor Inslee is rescinding pandemic proclamations and ending the public emergency October 31, 2022.

COVID19 update was given. Vaccine clinics were not scheduled in September due to new vaccine has been released, but not received yet. Funding for vaccine clinics may not be available beyond October 2022.

GEMT update was given. All data has been submitted for the preparation of the annual cost report.

Medicare Audit is in progress and ongoing. Tonya received a huge packet of information and has a Zoom conference scheduled.

2023 Budgets are required to be submitted to Okanogan County by November 01, 2022. Discussion held.

A preliminary budget and public hearing will be held at a regular meeting on October 10, 2022 at 6pm and the final budget hearing will be held at a special meeting at Pateros Station October 24, 2022 at 1pm.

LTGO Bond

LTGO Bond was discussed.

Chris/Tim moved and seconded to approve an additional principal payment in the amount of \$98,516.81. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Baird had reached out to some State representatives to see what grant opportunities and funding options are available for a Fire Station at Brewster. A suitable location needs to be found to build and grants are limited to up to a million. A new bond may need to be explored in the future to fund a Station at Brewster. Discussion held.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:33 PM.