



KITTITAS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT # 7
MINUTES OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
April 13, 2022 18:00

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 18:00 hours at station 72, on April 13, 2022. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Chair Bill Dickinson.

PRESENT: Commissioner Chair Bill Dickinson, Commissioner Vice Chair Robert Cernick, Commissioner Justin Zipperer, Chief Sinclair, Deputy Chief Hutsell, Finance Admin/District Secretary Micallef were all present. A few members of KCFD7 and the public were in attendance. Phone in was available for the public.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Commissioner Zipperer moved to approve the agenda as is. Commissioner Zipperer seconded the motion, and the Board voted 3-0 and the agenda was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. Meeting minutes were from the March Meeting. Commissioner Vice Chair Cernick motioned to approve and sign meeting minutes, Commissioner Zipperer seconded the motion, the Board Voted 3-0 and signed the meeting minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE: Daily Record article that was published about consolidation was presented. Also the meeting with FEMA Director and State Senator was shown on local news stations, and that was talked about.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Treasurer's Report was presented. The balance in all of the accounts was \$1,461,246.12 at the end of March.

Check registers were presented Commissioner Vice Chair Cernick motioned to sign them, Commission Zipperer seconded the motion and check registers were signed.

CHIEFS REPORT:

47 North: Attached, please find the request for us to engage. If a Board member would like to be the lead, please let me know.

Evacuation Drill: We will conduct an evacuation drill on May 11, 2022 utilizing funding from KVFR/IAFC. This will be on the SR-903 corridor. Commissioners are welcome to join in.

Skyline Drive: Chief would encourage the Board to take a drive, up Columbia and see the development going on, on Cle Elum Ridge.

ESCI: Opening conference this morning. Please let me know if you want to have access to the Dropbox. More to come in joint meeting

Covid-19 Information: Communication from Dr. Larson is that we have not seen a hospitalization in the last two weeks from Covid. He is allowing us to relax the mask mandate for our accommodated personnel down to surgical masks and away from N-95's.



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My Schedule: Chief will be out-of-state at my niece's wedding May-6-8.

COMMISSIONER REPORT : WFCAL Legislative group is wrapping up. Changed legislation on Law Enforcement response to mental health calls. Pension support.

DEPUTY CHIEF REPORT: Deputy Chief Hutsell thanked the Board for the opportunity. He attended the KCFACC meeting, attended DNR meetings and is working with them on future mitigation opportunities.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Station 75/DNR:** Chief Sinclair explained the back story of Station 75. We can't put the property into our name for a few years. DNR has purposed a lease for three years at around \$1250 a year. The possibility of selling the station to DNR who currently owns the land was purposed. Chief will explore if this is a possibility, and report back at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Conservation District Agreement:** Conservation District has money to fund a chipper crew employed by the district this summer. An agreement has been prepared. Commissioner Vice Chair motioned to have the Chief sign the agreement Commissioner Zipperer seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0 to have the Chief sign the agreement and move forward with hiring the crew.
- b. **Staffing/Full time firefighters:** FF Hudson left the academy and went to a second interview with Yakima Fire. This is disappointing as we have spent a large amount of funds to put him into the academy and he is leaving before it is finished. Chief Sinclair has worked with the districts attorney and prepared a contract for repayment for academy costs that would help capture the costs of the academy from the recruit should they leave. Currently Chief has a meeting set with the Union to discuss this.
- c. **Resolution 2022-4 Surplus Kenworth:** Commissioner Zipperer motioned to approve and sign the resolution. Commissioner Vice Chair Cernick seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0 to approve and sign the resolution.
- d. **Resolution 2022-5 Surplus International:** Commissioner Zipperer motioned to approve and sign the resolution. Commissioner Vice Chair Cernick seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0 to approve and sign the resolution.
- e. **Resolution 2022-6 Surplus International:** Commissioner Zipperer motioned to approve and sign the resolution. Commissioner Vice Chair Cernick seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0 to approve and sign the resolution.
- f. **Mechanic Position:** Chris Cobain has resigned. Next on the list is Jason Mallick. But our current salary isn't comparable to what he has with Waste Management. Board would like to up the salary to \$76,000, and directs the Chief to do so.
- g. **Septic Station 73:** Ongoing Septic backing up issue. It has been found that the pump for the drain field needs to be replaced. Contacted Catlin Electric and will be done soon.



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- h. Signing authority at Cashmere Valley Bank:** Commissioner Vice Chair Cernick motioned to add Deputy Chief Hutsell to the signature cards at Cashmere Valley Bank. Commissioner Zipperer seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0 to approve adding Deputy Chief Hutsell to the signature cards.

Good of the order: BC McFarland talked about our MSA air packs and how the current pricing is over 20% more than we purchased them. McFarland would like to send 8 of our ISI air packs and masks to Kittitas County District 1 since they could use them, and they still use ISI. Commissioner Chair Dickinson instructed Chief Sinclair to look into what is required to transfer these to another District. Commissioner Vice Chair Cernick motioned to authorize staff to do research on and to move forward with what needs to be done to transfer the ISI Equipment to District 1, Commissioner Zipperer seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 18:55

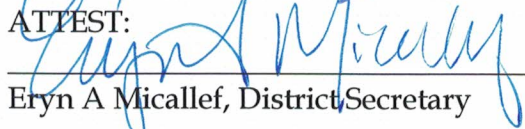
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Kittitas County Fire District No. 7,
Kittitas County Washington

By: _____
Bill Dickinson, Commissioner Chair

By:  _____
Robert Cernick, Commissioner Vice Chair

By:  _____
Justin Zipperer, Commissioner

ATTEST:  _____
Eryn A Micallef, District Secretary