



KITTITAS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT # 7
MINUTES OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
May 11, 2022 18:00

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 18:00 hours at station 72, on May 11th, 2022. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Vice Chair Robert Cernick.

PRESENT: 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. Commissioner Chair Dickinson had an excused absence.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Commissioner Zipperer moved to approve the agenda as is. Commissioner Zipperer seconded the motion, and the Board voted 2-0 and the agenda was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. Meeting minutes were from the April regular meeting and the April Special meeting. Commissioner Zipperer motioned to approve and sign both meeting minutes, Commissioner Vice Chair seconded the motion, the Board Voted 2-0 and signed the meeting minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE: An article about the weather prediction for the Summer of 2022 was presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Treasurer's Report was presented. The balance in all of the accounts was \$1,906,999.21 at the end of April. At the end of April \$1,268,368.17 in taxes for 2022 had been collected. 43.73%.

District Secretary gave an explanation of Initiative I-747 that was voted in 2001. This initiative limits special districts to a 1% increase yearly to their tax collection. Because of this and the large rise in our assessed value in our district our levy rates fall. Past levy rates have been as follows: 2022 .93 cents, 2021 1.00, 2020 .69 cents, 2019 .76 cents and 2018 .89 cents.

Also explained was our budget carry over we have each year. This amount at the end of the year isn't a surplus, this amount is what is used to get us to April when we collect our taxes. The and is in our revenue budget yearly.

Check registers were presented and were signed.

CHIEFS REPORT:

Commissioner Dickinson—Had a family emergency in Europe. Chief spoke with Dickinson on Tuesday and he wanted Chief to be sure to tell the other Board members he is supportive of the Levy Lid Lift.



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Laycock Lawsuit—this has been withdrawn with prejudice, meaning it cannot be refiled.

Jason Mallick – He will be starting on May 16, 2022. Thank you to the Board for allowing his pay increase. Chris Cobain has been assisting on his days off.

Fleet & Station Issues: Beau Foster gave a report on where we are on the new apparatus and any other station issues. The last surplused truck was sold online for \$38,600

D/C Hutsell—Chief wants to thank the Board for hiring this position. D/C Hutsell has already proven his value to the organization and he will continue to do great.

Upper County Evacuation Drill—today we had a multi-jurisdiction drill with a fire that started in FD-7 and burned through Ronald and Roslyn, it was eye-opening. Attended by Chief Sinclair, Deputy Chief Hutsell, District Secretary Micallef and BC Ewing.

Structure Fires—We have had a lot of fires lately. We have already hit what are usual for a year in structure fires is and it is May. Crews did a great job at the fires.

Please let Chief know if you want to be involved in a speaker's bureau for the levy. We will be conducting a lot of community meetings if the Board approves moving forward this year.

COMMISSIONER REPORT : Nothing to report

DEPUTY CHIEF REPORT: Objectives have been identified and presented. More Vector Solutions trainings to come to get everyone back up to where they should be with trainings.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Station 75/DNR**: No decisions have been made. Board directed the Administration to look into options and they are still being looked into. Commissioner Cernick isn't excited to close a station. More to come in future meetings.
- b. **Staffing; Mechanic and Chipper Crew**: Mechanic will start in Mid May, Chipper Crew has also started in early May.
- c. **Station 72 Manufactured Home**: District Secretary Micallef detailed the options that were reviewed for a house. The Board directs Admin to move forward with the Bid process. Also the Board would like to have Admin start a site evaluation with the county.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Banquet Budget**: Commissioner Vice Chair Cernick motions to bump the budget of the banquet \$2100 more Commissioner Zipperer seconded the motion, the Board voted 2-0 to add funds to the banquet budget.
- b. **Levy Lid Lift Resolution 2022-8**: Commissioner Zipperer motioned to approve and sign the resolution for the lid lift, Commissioner Vice Chair Cernick seconded the motion, the Board voted 2-0 to approve the resolution and sign it.



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- c. **Surplus Resolution 2022-7:** Commissioner Vice Chair Cernick motioned to approve and sign the surplus resolution, Commissioner Zipperer seconded the motion, the Board voted 2-0 to approve and sign the resolution.

Good of the order: ISI packs to be surplus and options for donation will be looked at. TRES burns have been cancelled for Spring due to weather, will be scheduled for Fall if possible. USFS prescribed burns have also been pushed back and some cancelled due to weather.

Meeting was adjourned at 18:51

At 18:52 BVFF meeting called to order. Retirement paperwork for a past member was presented and signed by the Commissioner Chair and District Secretary Micallef.

Meeting was adjourned at 18:53.

APPROVED

Kittitas County Fire District No. 7,
Kittitas County Washington

By: Bill Dickinson
Bill Dickinson, Commissioner Chair

By: Robert Cernick
Robert Cernick, Commissioner Vice Chair

By: Justin Zipperer
Justin Zipperer, Commissioner

ATTEST: Eryn A Micallef
Eryn A Micallef, District Secretary