



KITTITAS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT # 7
MINUTES OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
June 8, 2022 18:00

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 18:00 hours at station 72, on June 8, 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 lot members of KCFD7 and about 40 members of the public were in attendance. Phone in was available for the public.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Moving Old Business #10A to right after public comment since most of those in attendance were there for that reason. Commissioner Vice Chair Cernick moved to approve the agenda, Commissioner Zipperer seconded the motion and the Board voted 3-0 to approve the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The following made public comments about Station 75 and the possibility of selling to DNR, they were all not in favor of selling the station:

- Russell Hobbs
- Jim Miller
- Timothy L
- Tracey Rooney
- Barnaby Peters
- Molly Walsh
- Chuck Johnson
- Walt Wagner

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Station 75, Chief Sinclair spoke to the large amount of people in the audience and described the options that the district was exploring. He explained that no decision had been made, and won't be until he has all community feedback. The Audience expressed want for community meetings. Talked about the possibility of a Hidden Valley Station to accommodate the growing population in that area. Chief Sinclair explained the plans if the levy passes to staff a Station at 72 and how that would greatly reduce the response times of the Eastern part of our district. More Public comments from: Kathy G about DNR gates and Val R. spoke again about DNR.

Recessed Meeting at 7:14 for ten minutes. Large portion of the public has left the meeting.

Regular Meeting resumed at 7:25.



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APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. Meeting minutes were from the May regular 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: Letter from Barnaby Peters from the Teanaway that was to the commissioners about Station 75 was presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Treasurers Office had not posted May totals by the time of the meeting. Will send out to commissioners next week. At the end of May \$1,689,663.75 in taxes for 2022 had been collected. 58.25%

Check registers were presented and were signed.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT: Nothing for this meeting.

CHIEFS REPORT:

Chipper Crew getting a lot of positive comments regarding the crew and their hard work. Wendy Mee is coordinating with the landowners, and this is a very positive and popular service.

Jason Mallick – He is hard at work working to complete the brush trucks. He is also learning the fire service vernacular.

Fleet issues—T771 will be serviced soon, Fleet surplus plans, 2 brush trucks almost done, 2 to be delivered hopefully soon. Beau spoke on what the mechanic has been working on.

Station Issues—Beau talked about the spraying of noxious weeds around the stations, talked about the door ordering issues.

New Website—Kristin and Taylor went over the new website and highlighted some portions. The Commissioner like the website and thanked them for their hard work on it.

Community meetings—Chief Sinclair will be attending the Grange Meeting on Friday the 10th. Saturday, July 9, 2022 will be the Tumble Creek Homeowners Association and July 23 is the Suncadia Homeowners.

District growth—we are the second fastest growing District in Washington State. From 2010 to 2020 our permanent population grew by 58%.

Fire Season—late but intense.

DOT has agreed to a new vegetation management plan over the next 5 years.



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Fire Danger signs, KVFR will be providing some signs for us to post with the Everbridge QR code.

DEPUTY CHIEF REPORT: The District has 35 red carded personnel this year. 6 of those are in district only. BC Bain has resigned but wants the district to know that he cares greatly for the area, just needs more time with family.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Station 75/DNR:** Handled earlier in meeting
- b. **Station 72 Manufactured Home:** Talked about the Bid Packet. Commissioners would like to know the difference between costs for 3 bedroom and 4 bedroom. Would like to probably go with a 4 bedroom. District Secretary Micallef will find out and email the commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Resolution 2022-9 Surplus SCBA** – Commissioner Zipperer motioned to approve and sign, Commissioner Vice Chair Cernick seconded the motion, Board voted 3-0 and signed the resolution.
- b. **Educational Flyer for Lid Lift** – Ballots are mailed out on July 12th will have educational flyer to coordinate with that.
- c. **Website Review** – Was given earlier

Good of the order: Chandler Wesson was hired as a full time fire fighter and introduced. He thanked the Board for the opportunity.

Meeting was adjourned at 20:01.

At 20:02 BVFF meeting called to order. Retirement paperwork for a past members was presented and signed by the Commissioner Chair and District Secretary Micallef.

BVFF Meeting was adjourned at 20:07.

Regular meeting resumed at 20:07.

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (g) to review the performance of a public employee the Board went into Executive Session at 20:08 for 15 minutes.

Board continued the Executive Session for 10 minutes.

Executive Session was ended at 20:32 and regular meeting resumed with no action.

Meeting was adjourned at 20:33.



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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