



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

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 18:00 hours at station 72, on July 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. Four members of the public and one person logged online were in attendance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: 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: Public Comments were made by: Tracy L., Walt Wagner and Tony Cebe.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: There was a positive thankful Facebook post in Roslyn thanking the Fuels reduction crew was presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Treasurers Report given. At the end of June \$1,734,263.31 in taxes for 2022 had been collected. 59.79%. Balance in accounts at the end of June was \$1,946,752.42.

Check registers were presented and were signed.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT: Commissioner Chair Dickinson was interviewed by ESCI and it was a good meeting, feels they are being very thorough. WFCRA legislation meetings and what has been going on.

CHIEFS REPORT:

Levy Lid Lift Information

- The Voters Pamphlet is out, and we have an explanation of the issue and a pro statement in the publication. No con statement was created.
- The Union has put together a mailer for the Levy. It is well done, and we appreciate their efforts to educate our community.
- Mail-in Ballots arrive this week, and our educational explanation statement should arrive to all households this week as well. Because of the bulk mail process the educational flyer will land in other-than District 7 households. You may receive calls on this. It is just the way bulk mail works.



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ESCI was in last week and met with staff, Commissioner Dickinson, union leadership and volunteer leadership. They were well briefed on the issues, and they are now grinding through the information we shared with them.

4th of July we attended several community events. For the most part this was positive.

Kittitas County Fire Marshal- was terminated last week. This week they are placing Commander Darrin Higashiyama from KCSO into the position. He will be the appointed fire code official for Kittitas County. He will not be investigating fires.

KVFR has 3 trained fire investigators. KVFR will assist other agencies when they can. We are working with Kittitas County to create an agreement for responding.

Kittitas County Fire Districts' 1, 3, 6, and the Cities of Roslyn, Cle Elum and South Cle Elum have opted out of the "High Fuels" response card. This was put in place several years ago to keep small fires small. Since this was mostly a benefit to the smaller districts and departments, Chief notified that KVFR and Fire District 7 would also opt out. We will see what fire season brings.

Fleet issues—Beau- Public Surplus for water tender chassis ended at \$36,000. Two other brush trucks are being manufactured, and should be here later this summer.

Station Issues—Beau- Still waiting on parts for door at 73, AC at 76 office has been out, working with Brad and Burke on getting the part and getting it fixed. Generator bids are slowly coming in.

Community Meetings—

- Chief attended the Grange Hall Meeting on June 10, 2022, regarding the Teanaway Fire Station issue. This was well received.
- Chief Hutsell attended the Tumble Creek Homeowners Association Meeting on July 9, 2022. They also had a good meeting.
- I-90 Life Support Dinner is this Saturday, July 16, 2022.
- Received Communication from Dr. Patricia Galloway regarding homeowner's insurance going up because the Teanaway Fire Station was closed. Chief corrected the record and she and her group seemed pleased with the response.
- July 23 is the Suncadia Homeowners Association.
- Other community events will be filled as requested.

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.

DEPUTY CHIEF REPORT: Overview of public events attended by KCFD7, and upcoming concerts. Roll out of Vector/Target solutions for training was talked about.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Station 72 Manufactured Home:** Moving forward with 4 bedroom house. Meeting scheduled for later this month or early August with the building department about ADA requirements. Bid request is up at the end of July.



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- b. **Levy Lid Lift:** Voters pamphlet done and mailed out. Flyer done and mailed out. The commissioners discussed doing a pro statement or something of that sort. Will check with the RCW rules regarding what commissioners can do and make sure they are compliant with the rules.

- c. **Meeting with ESCI:** Three members of ESCI came and met with staff. They are currently reviewing all the data and will present their findings likely in early September.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Resolution 2022-11 Surplus:** Resolution for surplus items presented, Commissioner Vice Chair Cernick motioned to approve and sign the resolution. Commissioner Zipperer seconded the motion, the Board voted 3-0 to approve and sign the surplus resolution.

Good of the order: Russ Hobbs talked about the need for a station out in Hidden Valley and how it could be a place for children to wait for the school bus since there isn't a location for this currently. During the winter conditions are bad for children waiting for a bus.

Meeting was adjourned at 19:04.

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