



**KITTITAS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT # 7**  
**MINUTES OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**August 14, 2022 18:00**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 18:00 hours at station 72, on August 14th, 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 district were in attendance along with 3 members of the public. Availability to log in and listen on line was available.

**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:** A member of the public asked if the intent to sell station 75 was moving forward. Chief Sinclair explained that the public was heard loud and clear at prior meetings and we didn't have plans to sell the station. We may work with DNR to let them lease a bay or two but nothing will be done until after the fire season.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. Meeting minutes were from the July regular meeting and the July Special 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:** None

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Treasurers Report given. At the end of July \$1,766,597.55 in taxes for 2022 had been collected. 60.90%. Balance in accounts at the end of July was \$1,767,933.44

Check registers were presented and were signed.

**COMMISSIONERS REPORT:** Commissioner Chair Dickinson informed everyone of the WFCFA conference in October of this year.

**CHIEFS REPORT:**

Levy Lid Lift

- Victory—Over 60%--a landslide in our District, the breakdown of what areas voted and % was given

ESCI continues to grind through the information. We are expecting something for the September Meeting. We will be scheduling another joint meeting just as soon as we have the report.

We continue to experience great public PR with the Chipper Crew. Also, firefighters have attended multiple community events.



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Kittitas County Fire Marshal- Deputy Fire Marshal is in place, Commander Higashiyama is still the Fire Code Official for the County. Agreement signed with KVFR to conduct investigations.

Upper County now under a burn ban.

Epic Float is happening at the end of the month. We will have DNR and Fish and Wildlife staging at Station 75 all weekend to deal with the crowds of people expected to show

Station—Facilities Foster was out at a State Mobe fire, Micallef gave report. Prime Electric will get us a bid for the generator at 73. Bay doors at 72 and 73 still OOS. 72 will be fixed soon, 73 still is on order with no update. Field next door to Station 72 has been mowed. Breathing Air Compressors at 72 and 76 have been serviced.

Fleet – New Brush trucks did really good at the Vantage fire, but need better ground clearance. 1985 Air truck is currently up for surplus and has shown great interest. Brush Chassis #3 and #4 are getting close to being shipped. Should have them late summer early fall.

BC Ewing gave an update on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tender build. The bid spec's are just about finished and we will put the bid notice out soon. There are a few options that will be discussed once we get bids in.

I-90 Life Support had a banner year. Raised more money than ever.

Fire Season—Maps of the two largest fires in the county were shown. This land burning currently is about two weeks ahead of our area as far as curing of the vegetation. We should expect high fire danger in the next few weeks.

**DEPUTY CHIEF REPORT:** 6 New volunteers, Lots of Public Education opportunities lately. Extrication training event donated by Life Support will happen soon. 2-day event in October. Thanks to Life Support we have purchased a new side by side UTV. We will be also purchasing a trailer for the UTV. With their donations we have been able to purchase 2 thermal imaging cameras, defibrillation units and four gas monitors.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. **Station 72 Manufactured Home:** It is time to actually order the manufactured home. The breakdown of costs and floor plan was presented. Commissioner Zipperer motioned to move forward with the purchase and have Finance Admin/District Secretary Micallef sign for the purchase. Commissioner Vice Chair Cernick seconded the motion, the Board voted 3-0 to move forward with the purchase of the manufactured home.
  
- b. **Levy Lid Lift:** Covered in Chief's report.



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**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Third Tender Build** – Cover prior in meeting
- b. **Surplus Resolution 2022-13** – Items past their usable life, taking up space. Commissioner Zipperer motioned to approve and sign the resolution, Commissioner Vice Chair seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0 to approve and sign the resolution.

**Good of the order:** Nothing.

BVFF meeting was postponed to the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 18:38.

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