



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

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 18:00 hours at station 72, on September 14, 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 couple members of the district were in attendance along with 7 members of the public. Availability to log in and listen online was available.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Commissioner Zipperer moved to approve the agenda, Commissioner Vice Chair Cernick seconded the motion and the Board voted 3-0 to approve the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Barnaby Peters stated he was appreciative of having DNR and Fish and Wildlife staging at Station 75.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. Meeting minutes were from the August 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: Kittcom rates for 2023 that were given to the district were presented. There is a large increase for 2023, a little over 17% increase from 2022 to 2023.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Treasurers Report given. At the end of August \$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: WFCALegislative committee meeting happening soon.

CHIEFS REPORT:

- Since August 1st Fire threat is large. Currently two large fires happening. Smoke is filtering into Kittitas County from both. Still very dry and no season ending event so the potential for fire is still real.
- Elected Officials Visiting. Senator Patty Murray visited at Station 73 for a round table event. Chief Sinclair attended a meeting with Congresswoman Schrier. Chief also met with Tom Dent. Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz will be visiting Station 76 on October 12th.
- Countywide Wildfire/Fuels mitigation grant is in the works
- Station 75 Epic Float ended up being less attended due to cool weather on the Saturday of the float. A letter was sent to the HOA and others in the area of Station 75 prior to the



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float to let them know DNR and Fish and Wildlife would have people staged at Station 75 to avoid the assumption of any other reason.

- Chief is currently attending the WFOA Conference in Seattle.
- Last Kittcom meeting had a large amount of talk about the need to upgrade the system. Looking at a possible and needed 30 million upgrade and how to fund this. County Commissioner Cory Wright stated he is not willing to put his support for this until all the fire districts start talking about merging.

DEPUTY CHIEF REPORT:

- FF Hubbard has left the district and moved onto Redmond Fire. We wish him the best and thank him for his years of service.
- Two new volunteers at Station 71, meeting with another soon.
- Introduction of Lt. David Sharp as Training Officer.
- We have attended numerous Public Education events.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Station 72 Manufactured Home:** Micallef has applied for a public facility permit with Kittitas County Community Development for the Station 72 firefighter housing. Working on talking with General Contractors and will be putting out for Bid for this.
- b. **ESCI Update:** Once we have an update and a report from them, we will be scheduling a special joint meeting with KVFR to go over the report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Hiring Plan/Academy Spots:** 3 spots are reserved in the first WSP academy in 2023 and 3 spots are reserved for the 2nd academy in 2023.
- b. **Budget Meeting Plan:** Micallef and Chief are working on dates, will check will all Commissioners to see what works for everyone.
- c. **Hidden Valley Annexation Project:** Sandy did a great job of creating a list and finding the properties in the Hidden Valley area that are not part of the district. Most in this area thought they were part of the district, and they are not. If 60% of the landowners agree and want to come into the district they can be annexed in. Letters have been sent to homeowners asking if they wish to join. Most have responded yes, some no.

Good of the order: Nothing.

BVFF meeting started at 18:38. BVFF participation for 2021 certification is presented. Chief Sinclair motioned to approve and sign, the Board all voted in favor of approving and sign. BFFF Meeting was adjourned at 18:40

Meeting was adjourned at 18:41.



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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