



KITTITAS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT # 7
MINUTES OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
October 12, 2022 18:00

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 18:00 hours at station 72, on October 12, 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 8 members of the public. Availability to log in and listen online 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: Mr. McCarthy asked about having a First Aid station at big Suncadia events. A resident of Liberty asked about a rumor going around in Liberty about KCFD7 closing the station. Chief Sinclair and the Board explained that the district has no plans on closing the station in Liberty and were surprised to even hear it.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. Meeting minutes were from the September 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: None

FINANCIAL REPORT: Treasurers Report given. At the end of September \$1,809,362.65 in taxes for 2022 had been collected. 62.38%. Balance in accounts at the end of September was \$1,447,356.53

Check registers were presented and were signed.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT: WFCALegislative committee meeting was attended. Update to come in the future. Commissioner conference happening at the end of October.

CHIEFS REPORT:

- ESCI is finalizing their information.

- 2023 Assessed Value
Fire District 7
 - Regular value: \$4,225,991,999 X \$1.25 = \$5,282,489.99
 - New construction: 301,786,559
- 2022 A.V. \$3,087,011,702 @ \$.939650 = \$2,900,710.55



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This is a \$1,138,980,297.00 increase in A.V. and a \$2,381,779.00 increase to the property tax for the budget.

- Hidden Valley—we are continuing to work with the homeowners that are not in the District. We have not reached the 60% needed to do the annexation by petition, yet.
- Kittitas County Fire Marshal- Kittitas County has not found a replacement yet. They are creating a civil service test for the position.
- Upper County Burn Ban is now lifted.
- Fleet/Station Issues – Preparing for Winter, boiler issues at 73. Side by Side graciously purchased by Life Support has been delivered. 70 gallons of foam have been disposed of at Kittitas County Solid Waste. Commissioners asked about roof repairs, and asked that the roof repair be added to next years budget.
- Fire Outside of the District: DNR Mutual Aid. Fire was two miles outside any fire district. Homeowners in that area don't realize they aren't part of a fire district. They have the choice to annex into districts.

DEPUTY CHIEF REPORT:

- Attendance at trainings has doubled since Lt. Sharp has taken over training.
- 1 new volunteer and one pending interview
- Harvest Fest and Coat Drive and many community events have been attended.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Budget Meeting Date and time:** 11/2/2022 at 1pm

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Hiring List:** List was presented. Commissioner Zipperer motioned to approve the list, Commissioner Vice Chair Cernick seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0 to approve Hiring list.
- b. **Commissioner Meeting in November:** Will stay the same time and date as planned, November 9th at 18:00. District Secretary Micallef will be absent.
- c. **Tender Tank Build Options:** 3 options for the last tender tank build have been presented. Option B was the option recommended by the apparatus committee and by Deputy Chief Hutsell. The cost of this option is \$104,889.08. Commissioner Vice Chair Cernick motioned to go with Option B, Commissioner Zipperer seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0 to move forward with Option B.



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Good of the order: Nothing.

Executive Session: Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (b) To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price.

The Board went into executive session at 18:46 and expected to be in the meeting for 30 minutes.

At 19:15 the Board extended the session for 25 minutes.

At 19:40 the Board extended the session for 15 minutes.

At 19:55 the Board extended the session for 15 minutes.

At 20:08 the Board resumed the regular session. No Action was taken.

Meeting was adjourned at 20:09.

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

