



Business Meeting Minutes, March 9, 2022

BVFF Committee: Commissioner Olson, Chief Eric Andrews, Carsen Smith and Karen McPeters (recorder) were present. Charges for Isaac Howard were approved.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm, with a link posted for public Zoom access. Present were Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs, Vice Commissioner Chair Pat Sample, Commissioners Molly Olson, Doug Rupp and Leigh Christianson. Also present were Chief Eric Andrews, Assistant Chief Ernie Walters, Deputy Chief Joe Simmons, MSA Pete Parrish, Deputy Chief Jarrod Spence, Captain Brandon Vargas, Captain Scott Coulson, Captain Rob Thurston and Secretary Karen McPeters (recorder).

Public Commentary: No public

EXECUTIVE

Skykomish Meet: Chief Knisley stated that the Board of Commissioners of District 50, Skykomish, would meet with us in person at our meeting in April.

Legislature Report: The police reform bill is still alive and looks good to be approved. This will help us on those types of calls where we need police protection. Unfortunately, the bill that would make it unlawful to interfere with a first responder appears to be dead for this year.

OPERATIONS

Station 53: Work is continuing on the station repairs and the flooring and plumbing are completed.

The kitchen committee met two weeks ago and had some revisions to the design, which will be incorporated.

Volunteers/Residents: We interviewed 14 candidates the last couple of weeks and hired 11 of them. Orientation was Monday and the majority will be attending the academy that starts this month.

New Radios: The mobile radio installations are going well; we currently have two more vehicles to install radios in, with four spare radios for future vehicles.

Drone Program: We are still working on the RFP to purchase the new drone. It should be done this month and sent out for bids by the end of month. Our hope is to purchase the new drone and have it in service for this summer.

EMS

Continuous Quality Improvement/Quality Assurance (CQI/QA):

All ESO electronic health reports (EHR's) have been assigned to the QA team.

EMS division is working with Snohomish County to update the County EMS CQI/QA procedure. This project is still ongoing.

Code Stat is caught up and all Cardiac Arrest and Advanced Airways have been annotated.

EMT Training – 3 more AEMT students successfully completed their NREMT for Advanced EMT certification and applied through SCEMS to get WA DOH certification. 5 EMT certifications renewed.

Continuing EMS Education – Taught an Initial IO class with District 5 to allow their AEMTs to utilize the EZ-IO Skill. Reviewed the Cardiac Arrest with District 5 they had at the end of January.

Personnel- New medic Dakota Fenter is continuing with his SnoCo certification.

February ALS coverage 98% (15 hours not covered).

SUPPORT SERVICES

Burn Facility Development – The facility has been approved by the hearing examiner and we are currently getting an estimate from the architect so we can move forward with getting funds allocated for the construction of the project.

IT – Starlink is up and running and seems to be much faster than the internet that we already have. For now, we will run with both internet providers as a failsafe and will reevaluate later in the year.

Recruitment – We have 11 new members coming on board. Orientation was on Monday.

Grants – Capt Coulson has submitted the DNR phase 1 grant where DNR pays 50% of the cost. Capt Coulson continues to work on 2 other grants with Chief Walters, one for PPE and another for various projects/improvements to help the department better respond to emergencies.

Drone Operations: Capts Coulson and Thurston participated in Operation Clean Sweep with SCSO last week and aided in arresting 14 people in 6 hours.

Secretary's Report

he Systems Design report and run totals are available for review. ,

Budget

Currently at 14%.

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Minutes: Leigh moved to approve the February minutes. With a second from Pat, the motion passed unanimously.

Vouchers: Bill moved to approve vouchers 103 through 141 for \$90,104.75, and 142 through 152 for \$6,634.41. With a second from Molly, the motion passed unanimously.

Payroll: Bill moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$94,186.53. With a second from Pat, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

The WFCA Conference is in early June, and there is still a room reservation if anyone would like to attend in addition to Leigh.

Next regular meeting April 13, in person with public access on Zoom available. The meeting with the Skykomish Board will be at 7, followed by the regular business meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31.

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