



**SNOHOMISH COUNTY
FIRE DISTRICT 26**

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Business Meeting Minutes, May 9, 2019

BVFF Committee: Bill, Kate, Chief Andrews and Karen (recorder) were present. Carsen Smith was not in attendance.

There were no BVFF charges to approve.

The meeting was called to order at 19:50. Present were Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs, and Commissioners Kate Hayes, Michelle Adie, Molly Olson, Tim Folsom, Dean Johnson, Doug Rupp and Leigh Christianson. Also present were Chief Eric Andrews, Assistant Chief Ernie Walters, MSA Matt Abers, Captain Scott Coulson and Secretary Karen McPeters (recorder). Pat Sample was absent.

Public Commentary: Letter from the public about a malfunctioning stethoscope during a transport. Chief Abers will follow up.

Reports:

EXECUTIVE

Chief Walters had meeting with the board of DNR and Commissioner of Public Lands regarding the Singletary logging plan at Wallace Falls. The Sultan school board, and City of Sultan favor the logging plan for the tax money. The fire district has neutral position. FD concerned about wildfire danger with people living in wildland interface.

The GEMT first installment should arrive by end of July.

CA EMAC reimbursement for last summer's wildfire was finally approved.

Sta 53 lease with the city should be done by end of the month.

Sta 55 materials have been ordered. Ray and Walters will do the framing, hopefully completed by end of summer.

Rescue truck offer was made. A few minor things were noticed at the on-site inspection. No more than 40K will be spent on this one, with \$8,000 in repairs needed. Original budgeted amount was 59K, so truck is still under that, including repairs.

OPERATIONS

Capt Coulson filling in for Chief Spence.

The county had questions regarding the training property, which are being addressed by the architect.

The new server is up and running. Contracting with Darrington Fire IT department to set up server and network. Hotspot for network as a backup in case of internet outage.

Truck Academy is coming up. Lots of other training is coming up- more effort is being made to

budget meals better and reduce costs.

Invoicing for training is getting more effective- requiring pre-payment using Stripe.

Wildland training- got DNR 50/50 grant for supplies so fire dept only had to pay half.

Community Wildfire Protection Plan partnered with DNR and Forest Service because we were the first fire dept in Snohomish County to start the plan, so they remember us and have used our materials for other depts.

There are 10 new certified wildland ffs in dept. Red flag warnings have been issued in W WA already. Currently there is higher danger in W than E WA. Proctor Creek fire was in May of 2016- kind of similar conditions.

18 applications for new members, 7 for intern program, 11 for ff/EMT.

EMS

Although we are a little organization, we are on the forefront of a lot of new programs.

Abers is optimistic that we will continue with Vail program. I-GEL airway in place, medics have been trained. Operative IQ is running- Pete Parrish is main organizer of Op IQ and has put a lot of time into set up.

Trying to hire more medics for summer since people take more time off.

Secretary's Report:

Run Report for last 4 months- above average by about 25%. Haven't had a month yet with fewer than 100 calls. There has been more mutual aid with Sultan.

Budget:

At 40%, so below budget for ytd. Still tweaking budget categories – some areas are over and some under.

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

Vouchers: Bill moved to approve May vouchers 197-19 through 237-19 in the amount of \$86,418.37. With a second from Tim, the motion passed with 7 ayes and one abstention. May vouchers 238-19 and 239-19 in the amount of \$104,393.39 were approved by commissioners on May 28 and 29, with a quorum of 5 commissioners approving and the rest not responding.

Payroll: Bill moved to approve May payroll in the amount of \$97,840.29. With a second from Molly, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion:

Galena Rd Cell Coverage: Funding for the feasibility study is in the final budget, awaiting governor's signature. The consultant who will do the study wants to start early, but we have to abide by requirements of the state budget so are waiting to hear what those are. Dept of Commerce will reach out to us with requirements etc.

Old Business:

Larsen property is expected to close in mid June- Bill talked to a broker the dept used before.

Doug is member of the GB VFW post- wants district aware that they will dispose of old flags.

Resident House accessibility- Handrail for the front porch still needs to be done as well as back deck at resident house. Planned for completion in next month or 2. Also the walkway access is a safety concern if people park there and block the path.

Next meeting 7:00 on June 12 at Station 55 resident house.

Adjournment 8:40.