



Draft Business Meeting Minutes, February 12, 2020

BVFF Committee: Molly, 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 19:02. Present were Commissioner Chair pro tem Pat Sample, and Commissioners Michelle Adie, Molly Olson, Doug Rupp and Leigh Christianson. Also present were Chief Eric Andrews, Assistant Chief Ernie Walters, Division Chief Jarrod Spence, Captain Brandon Vargas and Secretary Karen McPeters (recorder). Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs was absent.

Public Commentary: No public

EXECUTIVE

Annual staff retreat goals discussed include those that were met in the past year, including creation and funding of an apparatus replacement fund, the district rebranding, and the purchase of the Larsen property. The other major goal for 2019 was progress on the training center. This has been a bit slower than planned, but permitting is moving forward and progress should be substantial this year.

Goals for 2020 are implementing facilities plan decided upon at the leadership meeting, after input from a survey of volunteers. The plan for Station 53 includes resident rooms, expansion of the kitchen, and eventual removal of the Larsen house and installation of a modular office building.

The plan for Station 54 includes relocating the medic room to allow expansion of the kitchen and dayroom, and relocating the IT equipment to the front office.

The plan for Station 55 includes converting the front office into a dayroom and possible improvements to sleeping quarters.

There has been no response from FD 5 regarding a contract for provision of medic services. District 7 has met with them twice and is meeting again next week with a new proposal to charge FD 5 the same as they do Granite Falls. FD 5 would prefer to get all medic service from FD 7 and not from FD 26.

The Chief is on the State Fire Defense Committee. They have been meeting and have gotten clarification on compensable time for deployment to CA wildfires; staging time is not compensable but standby time is. And travel time is also compensable but sleep time is not.

The Chief attended Fire Service Legislative Day: legislation is proposed to increase volunteer pension, boards can go from 3 or 5 to 5 or 7 person, and prepositioning would allow calling for backup prior to actual emergencies. It would not be necessary to utilize all local resources first,

which is the current law.

Sky Valley Community Awards on the 22nd. Dept member of the year will be presented.

OPERATIONS

The mayor is requesting a letter drafted by Davis documenting that value is accurate. Should be signed next week.

Addition at 55: insulation and sheetrock is getting finished. Sprinkler, fire alarm and heating done.

Chief Walters is working on budgets for remodel at 53.

FD 7 donated 3 sets of surplus Holmtro extrication tools to us. The tools have been inspected and serviced by Holmtro and are now in service on the engines and rescue truck.

SUPPORT SERVICES / TRAINING

Only one bid has come in so far at about \$5000 per station for wiring.

4 new MDCs have been purchased that are also utilized for EPCRs.

Training prop- landscaping plan awaiting bids.

EMT class is going well.

Engine Truck classes upcoming in March.

Truck Ops in May.

Burn schedule is light so far. No burn days in July and August to avoid smoke concerns for neighboring properties.

EMS

The Vail medics have started weekend and holiday shifts at the pass.

The installation plan for the change over to Stryker gurneys on our, and Skykomish, units is in the works. Purchased with the Savvik contract for purchasing to meet bid requirements. These units should reduce lifting injuries.

Secretary's Report

The Systems Design report and run totals are available for review as well as a graph of transport collections for 2019.

Budget

Currently at 15%

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

Vouchers: Pat moved to approve vouchers 45 through 89 for \$78,008.88 and vouchers 90 to 105 for \$22,051.00. With a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously.

Payroll: Pat moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$91,577.03. With a second from Doug, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion

Commissioner Rupp discussed a big proposal for towers and land acquisition from Camp. Travel

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to visit other sites with similar internet calling systems was not approved at this time and discussion was tabled until the March meeting.

The commissioners discussed recent private responses to the Skykomish area during the highway closure, and the need for a single point of contact at the department to avoid mixed messages.

New business

Leigh moved to approve an addendum to the Chief's contract to go into effect Feb. 1, replacing VEBA contributions with medical insurance through Trusteed Plans, and increasing him from .33 time to .5 time, with a reduction in hourly wage. With a second from Doug, the motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting March 11 at Station 53

Adjournment 8:15

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