



Draft Business Meeting Minutes, May 13, 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 19:00 on video conference using Zoom app, with a link posted for public access. Present were Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs, Vice Commissioner Chair Pat Sample, and Commissioners Michelle Adie, Molly Olson, Doug Rupp and Leigh Christianson. Also present were Chief Eric Andrews, Assistant Chief Ernie Walters, MSA Matt Abers, Division Chief Jarrod Spence, Captain Scott Coulson, Captain Brandon Vargas and Secretary Karen McPeters (recorder).

Public Commentary: No public

EXECUTIVE

A letter and ILA were sent to District 5 and there has been no formal response. Commissioner Tubbs did receive a phone call from FD 5 Commissioner Brian Copple. There is a plan for a joint meeting of the two boards to discuss transport issues, once the county allows for it.

We continue to meet PPE needs and have had no known confirmed cases of COVID19 but we have transported several ill patients. County chiefs Association continues to make county wide purchasing for the PPE. The County Chiefs have submitted for a regional grant to reimburse all the costs to date through Paine Field Fire and Ernie has also submitted a grant request for reimbursement for that equipment plus future stock of PPE for a year. If we do get both grants we will need to make sure we do not get paid twice for equipment used. At this point we do not know if we will get either grant so we are submitting for all we can.

Fire mobilization is quickly working on response rules for major fires and concerns for COVID 19. There are several proposals on best practices in fighting fires and being covid conscious.

Lt. Andrew Anderson died this past week after a several month battle of cancer. The cancer Andrew had has been specified as a presumptive disease that is caused and exacerbated by firefighting work. While his death meets the criteria for a line of duty death, because he is a volunteer firefighter and not a full time paid firefighter he is not covered under the state's presumptive disease benefit. We are working on having him honored at the state and national firefighter line of duty death memorials. The chief has started to lay the foundation to encourage the state to give volunteer firefighters the same benefit as career firefighters. Carolyn Eslick is willing to back any bill that supports this but asks that we get a larger group on board. The district plans to ask the Washington state Fire Commissioners Association to sponsor such a bill in the legislature.

OPERATIONS

The city council met on May 5th to discuss the signing of the paperwork to release all interest in

the auxiliary building, the council approved the mayor to sign the paperwork, and the mayor signed the contract on the 6th.

We have been researching drones and checking the availability of getting a demo to evaluate to get our program up and running by this summer. The district has had 5 or 6 calls in the last month requiring the use of the Getchell FD drone.

SUPPORT SERVICES / TRAINING

Station 53 network wiring has been completed and the other stations will be following over the coming months.

We have received the traffic engineer review of the training property design and are waiting to hear back from the county about the conditional use permit

Another grant request has been submitted for SAFER that has to do with volunteer recruitment and retention. This is one of three non-Covid grants we are applying for presently.

14 potential new volunteers have been interviewed.

The IMT trailer retrofit is complete and ready for wildfire season.

EMS

Covid-19 response continues to be a challenge and we are working on assuring we document appropriately in our patient care reports.

There are several drugs that are in short supply and we are working with all vendors in an attempt to secure these drugs for our EMS system.

There has been an increase in home deaths in the county, believed to be due to patients not wanting transport due to concerns about Covid exposure.

Secretary's Report

The Systems Design report and run totals are available for review.

Budget

Currently at 39%

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

Vouchers: Bill moved to approve vouchers 206 through 221 for \$11,317 and 222 through 254 for \$113,755.91. With a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously.

Payroll: Bill moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$97,687.24. With a second from Pat, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

The bi-annual meeting with King Co FD 50 was cancelled due to Covid-19. The next meeting will take place in Fall.

Repairs to the Index-Galena Road have been put off for another year.

Action Items

Bill moved to approve Resolution 2020-1, authorizing the chief and Secretary McPeters to act as agents of the department for FEMA PA Grant application activity. With a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously.

"Volunteering to Make a Difference"



Next meeting June 10 at Index resident house, unless required to video conference again.

Adjournment 7:41

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