



Draft Business Meeting Minutes, August 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 7:03 pm 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, Division Chief Jarrod Spence, Captain Rob Thurston and Secretary Karen McPeters (recorder).

Public Commentary: No public

EXECUTIVE

MSA Abers plans to resign as Deputy Chief of EMS effective September 30th. We will begin to plan to fill his position.

The Sno-Isle commissioners had their first remote meeting last month and plan to hold remote meetings going forward. Volunteers' presumptive disease legislation was not discussed.

The resolution for the levy lid lift was submitted to the county elections department. We advertised for Pro and Con committees on our web site and at the stations. There is a pro committee that volunteered but no con committee applied. The deadline was August 10th.

As I am sure you are aware Eagle Falls has been getting a lot of attention due to its popularity. We have responded to several calls at the falls. We have worked with DOT to designate Emergency Vehicle Parking and are asking WSP to enforce this area. It is not the best parking for fire apparatus but does allow us to get mostly off the highway. Lake Serene is our most active area so far this summer.

There is a schedule of radio replacement proposed that will replace all of our radios the 2nd week in January. Fire tac is re-writing the radio procedure manual.

Alex Fatkin was promoted to lieutenant after testing and interviews. This fills a vacancy we had in our current lieutenants.

OPERATIONS

We have been able to use our new drones on multiple calls in the last few weeks, (swift water calls at Eagle Falls and trail rescues at Lake Serene) we have even been dispatched to Stanwood to help out SCSO. We recently did training with Jeremy Stocker from Getchell Fire on working with the K-9 unit and SAR and hope to be added to their FRL's for any calls requiring a drone in our area instead of them requesting UAS68 from Getchell Fire.

We have not heard anything about the AFG grant that we submitted for reimbursement for all the Covid-19 supplies that we purchased earlier this year. The County Fire Chiefs did receive a grant that will pay for any supplies that we ordered as a county.

We received an update from Scott Manufacturing that there is a problem with the second stage regulator on the new SCBA packs (the new regulators make a high pitched noise upon use) which will cause a delay in the delivery of the packs. There is no confirmed date for the repair or delivery of the new packs.

AC Walters is working on getting all the documentation for PCG for them to do the cost reports for the FY2020 reports.

SUPPORT SERVICES / TRAINING

Approval of the training property plan is still at the county. The transportation review was corrected and approved but there are other areas the county wants further reviewed. Deputy Chief Spence contacted the county to get the preliminary findings so the architect, drainage and landscapers can start to make the necessary changes.

The new DNR agreement has been completed for the command trailer, CV54. This means that it is now available to respond within Oregon and Washington.

Training continues to adapt to the current conditions. Members can now complete skill sheets outlined by Capt. Coulson, with more structured hands on training during shifts guaranteeing a full crew to have a successful drill to complete the skill sheet.

The academy begins on Sept 2nd. To reduce large groups we will be having 20 recruits in the academy. We are also purchasing facial coverings for the members to wear when they are in and around each other. Unfortunately, the Advanced EMT will not be put on this year. Further planning and coordination needs to be had with the county MPD evaluating their requirements.

We will still be planning for the EMT class to start in January.

While the burn facility is not as active as last year, we are still allowing departments to utilize the structure to complete their state requirements. These groups are smaller to help fit with the L&I guidelines. The facility will start running again when the weather cools in September.

Our social media presence continues to expand and many of our community members are very engaged with our posts. Eagle Falls rescues have been shared over 350 times and have reached close to 50k people.

Capt. Vargas and Capt Thurston have been working together on reporting, and attained a rare 100% completion through June for 2020. In the month of July the department saw 151 calls, up almost 40% from last year. Currently we are up 11% from last year even with the slump over March, April and May.

EMS

The staffing of the medic unit has improved over last year and is up to 98%.

Secretary's Report

The Systems Design report and run totals are available for review. Secretary is reviewing changes to 941 reporting and new deferred tax withholding options. Billing for mobilization reimbursement is time consuming as well.

Budget

Currently at 62%

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

Vouchers: Bill moved to approve vouchers 351 through 375 for \$40,055.67 and vouchers 376

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through 392 for \$27,235.70 from the regular expense account, and voucher 4 from the Construction Fund for \$775. With a second from Pat, the motion passed unanimously.

Payroll: Bill moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$116,026.59. With a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

Commissioners will make an effort to participate in the Sno-Isle commissioners' Zoom meetings.

Commissioners recommend firefighters use caution regarding Covid exposure at wildland fire mobilizations.

Next meeting September 9 at the Index Resident House, unless required to video conference again.

Adjournment 7:35 pm

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