



Business Meeting Minutes, December 11, 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.

Present were Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs, Vice Commissioner Pat Sample, and Commissioners Kate Hayes, Molly Olson, Doug Rupp and Leigh Christianson. Also present were Chief Eric Andrews, Assistant Chief Ernie Walters, Captain Brandon Vargas, and Secretary Karen McPeters (recorder). Commissioner Adie was absent.

Public Commentary: The district has received several letters of gratitude from CA residents affected by the wildfires there.

Reports:

EXECUTIVE

There were three house fires in the district with significant loss, two from unattended cooking and the third from a pet heater.

Sno Co's new radio system has been delayed due to a flaw in the radios.

Commissioner Tubbs met with District 5 in an attempt to resolve the medic service compensation, but there has been no resolution so far.

There is a holiday party for all district members at Camp Huston on Dec 14.

OPERATIONS

The final paperwork for the auxiliary building is under final revision and should be completed soon.

The enclosure at Station 55 is nearing completion.

The new SVF t-shirts have arrived and more vehicle decals will be replaced over the next year.

The final GEMT payment arrived, and the 2019 payment should come in May.

We have signed an interlocal agreement with Skagit County to "piggyback" on their sealed bid process for SCBAs. This will reduce our work load, and satisfy the auditor's requirements. The district will be responsible for matching \$12,000 of the total SCBA grant.

EMS

Joe Simmons has taken on the role of EMS Training, and is reviewing all requirements, and preparing for the upcoming EMT class.

Medics are waiting for the start of the season at the pass.

The Medic Unit Committee is working on specifications for the new unit.

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The phone system has arrived and we are now awaiting bids for the wiring to be installed in the stations.

Harmsen's preliminary drainage plan for the training center should be completed by the end of the week.

We are contributing to the county's Hazard Mitigation Plan, which will enable us to apply for FEMA grants for disaster supplies and a seismic retrofit for the stations as needed.

The Fire Academy was very successful, and graduation went well. The EMS Evaluator class is training personnel to assist with evaluating students in regional EMS classes, including our own in January.

Interviews for the new resident will be in January.

Secretary's Report

The Systems Design and run reports are available for review.

Budget

Expenditures are at 99%. There is approximately \$800,000 carrying over to 2020.

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

Vouchers: Bill moved to approve vouchers 533 through 573-19 for \$90,970.61 from the regular Expense fund. With a second from Doug, the motion passed unanimously.

Payroll: Bill moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$102,316.20. With a second from Pat, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

The district is waiting for some kind of resolution with District 5 regarding medic service. District 7 may proceed with billing District 5 residents directly for medic service costs in addition to transport fees. Dill moved to authorize having the chief send a letter to District 5 regarding implementing a fee for service for medic calls, in concert with District 7. With a second from Doug, the motion passed unanimously.

There may be specific funding for enhancing 911 service through e911. Captain Thurston may be able to provide more information.

New Business

At the Sno-Isle Commissioners' meeting there was a presentation about Sno Co EMS and their need for a new location.

District 26 will host the Sno-Isle meeting on March 5 at Station 53.

Action Items

Leigh nominated Karen for Secretary of the Board. With a second from Kate and no other nominations, a vote of affirmation was unanimous.

Molly nominated Bill for Commissioner Chair. With a second from Doug and no other nominations, a vote of affirmation was unanimous.

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Leigh nominated Pat for Vice Commissioner Chair. With a second from Bill and no other nominations, a vote of affirmation was unanimous.

Leigh moved to continue having all commissioner compensation put into HRA VEBA accounts. With a second from Bill, the motion was passed unanimously.

Kate moved to excuse Michelle's absence. With a second from Leigh, the motion passed with 6 Yes votes and one No vote.

Bill moved to appoint Michelle to the position of Safety Rep if she is agreeable. Molly will take over Kate's position on the BVFF committee.

Next meeting January 8, 7:00 pm at Station 53.

Adjournment 8:50.

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