



Business Meeting Minutes, July 14, 2021

BVFF Committee: Molly, Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs, Chief Eric Andrews and Karen (recorder) were present. Carsen Smith was not in attendance. Medical bills for Drott elbow injury were approved.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, with a link posted for public Zoom access. Present were Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs, Vice Chair Pat Sample, Commissioners Molly Olson, Michelle Adie, Doug Rupp and Leigh Christianson. Also present were Chief Eric Andrews, Assistant Chief Ernie Walters, Division Chief Jarrod Spence, MSA Joe Simmons, Captain Rob Thurston, and Secretary Karen McPeters (recorder). Also present via Zoom for a special presentation was Drew Bono, IT specialist from Darrington Fire District 24.

Public Commentary: No public

Special Presentation: As IT provider through an interlocal agreement with District 24, Drew Bono responded to commissioner concerns regarding cybersecurity. He outlined safety measures currently taken by the district, as well as noting that cybersecurity is never 100% safe. He also noted that no health care related information is stored on our server, which protects us from liability.

EXECUTIVE

MOBILIZATION REQUESTS – The District is busy as predicted providing resources for multiple fires in the NW. There was some concern on social media around providing resources to other areas with it being so dry here. We explained that we only send limited resources, keeping most resources at home. The responses after the explanation were positive.

LEGISLATION CONCERNS – A bill was signed into law that limits police response to certain types of calls. It appears that police agencies are interpreting this differently. The types of calls that concern us is that when we are dispatched to drug overdose or “slumpers” in a car we normally have a police response to assure the safety of our firefighters. This new law could endanger our EMS workers.

STATE VFW AWARDS - Ernie attended the state VFW meeting and accepted his award for Firefighter of the Year. It was on social media, and great publicity for the fire district.

OPERATIONS

STATION REMODELS – We have established a committee to assist with the selection of materials and furniture for the remodel at station 54. Lawhead architects are working on structural and architectural plans. Kitchen repairs at station 53 have been on hold due to high lumber prices and lack of availability of some needed supplies.

APPARATUS REPAIR - Tender 55 is back in service and on the wildland rotation list for deployment. E-54 (2015 Pierce) is still being repaired and should be back within a week. A supplemental insurance claim has been sent to the insurance company for cost overruns for the repairs and should be processed shortly.

NEW ENGINE - The new engine is currently being outfitted and is waiting on equipment that is on order. Chief Walters and Capt. Thurston are planning a "Push In" ceremony for the new truck.

DRONE PROGRAM – We are waiting for the demo drones to be delivered for our team to look at and make a decision on what the bid parameters should be for our next drone. We are looking at setting up a program and training book for anyone interested in becoming a pilot in the future.

SUPPORT SERVICES

DRONES – Blue Skies carries a larger drone capable of the camera and cargo needs we have.

Training Facility – DOT is evaluating a packet of materials showing the progression of authorization of the existing access to station 54, and the proposed changes.

EMS

Continuous Quality Improvement/Quality Assurance (CQI/QA)- All ESO electronic health reports (EHR's) have been assigned to the QA team through June.

EMS division is working with Snohomish County to update the County EMS CQI/QA procedure. This is an ongoing project.

ADVANCED EMT CLASS – The AEMT registration form has been distributed to local agencies. We currently have 10 students signed up from Sky Valley, and expect 1 to 3 more from other agencies.

CONTINUING EMS EDUCATION - Second quarter OTEP skills training was complete. Additionally, we conducted a Mass Casualty drill with 20 patients, and responders from Skykomish, FD 5 and FD 4. It was a great learning experience. Second Quarter ALS drill with Dr. Brown was conducted, and several members attended in person.

Secretary's Report

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

Budget

Currently at 56%.

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

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Vouchers: Bill moved to approve vouchers 299 through 348 for \$236,712.52, vouchers 349 through 351 for \$3,861.01, and vouchers 9 and 10 from the Construction Fund for \$5,755.00. With a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously.

Payroll: Bill moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$92,676.28. With a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

Leigh attended the Sno-Isle Commissioners' meeting, and reviewed issues covered.

Discussion regarding implementing a cost recovery plan for rescue and car accident calls is ongoing. The commissioners requested more information regarding the actual legislation passed, and how cost recovery billing could impact the district's budget.

Bill moved to hold a special meeting on July 28 for the purpose of making a final determination about cost recovery billing, and what exactly should be included. The special meeting will be posted 48 hours in advance and held in person at 7 pm with public access on Zoom available.

Next regular meeting August 11, in person with public access on Zoom available.

Adjournment 8:55 pm

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