

Fire District 16 Commissioners Meeting
January 22, 2007
6:00 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Sam Wright at 6:00 P.M.

Sam Wright read the minutes of the meeting of January 15, 2007. Roger Prater moved to accept the minutes as read. Ken seconded the motion.

Ken's wife agreed to be the secretary for the Aeneas Valley Fire District 16 Association. We have not been able to find a place to hold meetings that is handicapped accessible. We will continue to hold meetings at the Tonasket Fire Hall.

Jim Wheeler then gave the Fire Chief's report. We do not have to get a tax number. We are a non-profit and do not have to file a tax report. Dunn and Bradstreet accepted our application. It should be here sometime in February. Training will be available to our volunteers at the rate of \$50.00 per person. The Wild Land training is a free program by WVC. It will be held at the Tonasket High School. It starts on February 2, 2007. Instructor classes will be offered also. A basic first aid class will also be offered soon.

Jim has located two type-six trucks complete with fire packages. He has requested both of them. They will not be available until late August. He will work with Riverside to lease one of their trucks with option to purchase at the end of the season. Chelan has a drivable truck. It is retired and needs batteries, tires, etc.

We will try to use Tonasket's frequency for communication. We can post needs on several web sites. We need to get a base of volunteers. Need to start very soon. If we receive some things that we cannot use, we can sell them on E-bay. Jim has also submitted an educational grant. This includes some first aide training at \$50.00 per person. Fire fighter's insurance looks like it will be about \$10 - \$15.00 each per year. He will apply to the Bill Gates Association.

Sam asked about using Tonasket's frequency. He was told there are frequencies available at no charge. They are not repeater based. They are car to car. Jim said he could not have completed all of this work without the help of John. Mike Wilkey has volunteered to build an equipment sight.

The minutes of the Commissioner's meetings and the agendas should be on the web sight. Need to decide what is needed on the web sight.

Karen agreed to be the AVCFA secretary.

Sam has redone the organizational chart to include the grant writing position.

Tim had 1.1 take the word "housing" out of it. Jim asked if "housing" could be replaced with "sport"

WSRB doesn't understand the small district layout. Five miles in winter and summer are different.

1.1 Added "or representative of their choosing". John said "keep it simple".

2.0 Two person response from station. Jim said is that two in two out some house or some station?

John said once the alarm is off and they are responding some will go from homes and some from station.

Jim: one in one out at the station. Tim said he would feel better if we don't say anything.

Take out 2.0. John said he doesn't think it is required. "will not respond outside the district unless requested by other agency. If called by agency you will be on contract. Once you enter in contractual aide contract then you will evaluate if you can respond. No obligation to respond outside of district.

If we put it in writing that we will not respond outside of district, we will be going against our own rules. Sometimes it is better to respond outside of district if it is favorable to the district.

2.0.2 If you are notified of fires outside of district you should notify other agencies.

Page 4. 3.4 responsibility set. 3.5.3.11 need to have a procedure set up for review of person when volunteer is being removed. Jim is writing SOPs for lower level. "After reviewed by a disciplinary board" not "the board", act as overseeing board. Screeners should be same as the (admittance board).

Tim suggested definitions. BARS code is a way of handling your budget. Payments get a number or bar assigned. We will set on the \$1,000.00 amount for the chief to make a decision. Tim thinks it should be lower. Sam said they will wait on that.

3.5.3.4 Continues review of fire codes. We don't want to enforce fire codes or regulations. If there is a death the county will contact either marshal to determine the cause. Insurance companies determine cause. We must protect the scene until investigator arrives if it looks suspicious.

Roger asked if a homeowner wants you to be there even if it is outside of district, can we bill them? John said need a SOP up front.

3.5.6 Permanent residence. Limits us. We could change it later. Jim suggested using personal residence within a reasonable response time to the district.

3.5.8.3 References the chief only.

3.5.8.6 He or she must "persuade" a course of action. Should be "direct".

Need separate accounts of all grants so that they don't go into the county. Grant monies are not liable to Their regulations. Association does not handle any of the grant money. Chief is not leader of the association. They put on dinners, send cards and flowers, donations. Association is completely separate.

Tim asked where you place DNR monies? Project account not in the county coffer..

5.0 Tim thought that DNR monies came through tax payor money. John said only if you spend tax payer money up front and obligate the money. Then it goes into the county funds.

DNR money that comes from fires should be put in our account, not the tax payer account.

Tim talked with several insurance agencies. It looks like it will be somewhere around \$2,400.00 per year for insurance. Two companies have not responded. Tim has not written a letter to Wal-Mart because he needs an exact amount to ask request.

Sam volunteered to talk to an attorney to see if we can meet in Aeneas Valley. Jim said need to have something that entitles the Chief to sign grants. This will speed things up. Sam will write it in.

Next meeting will be on February 5, 2007 at 6:00 P.M.. Roger and Donna Prater will be gone next week for Roger's surgery.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

