

Okanogan Fire District #16  
Minutes of Meeting of February 19, 2007

Sam Wright called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Attendance:

Shari Levack	Tom Levack
Mike Welke	Karen Kenyon
Jim Wheeler	Lyman Skow
Tim Kenyon	Sam Wright
Roger Prater	Jan
Mary	

General Announcements:

Article advertising openings of interim positions appeared in the paper last week. Tax monies will not be available to us until 2008. We will need to borrow money once we set our budget. We are looking for a donated copy machine. Roger is looking for one. He has asked Karen to look for one.

Reading of the minutes were tabled until next meeting due to the absence of secretary.

Grants:

Training for wild fires continues. Fire Chief would like to meet with the commissioners about the rules of response. He met with DNR about training that will be required. Jim will be attending first aide training in the next few days.

He is wrapping up to Association Grants this week. It should net us about \$500.00. We need three six hundred gallon tanks located around the district. The first year we will have Jim's truck and a truck from Riverside. DNR is for protection of the forests only. They will only foam your house if it is threatening the forest. We have a grant that has been approved for the back end of a truck. We also have a six hundred gallon truck to look at on Bluett Pass. We are looking for 3500 gallons of water to be sitting on Cape LaBelle. A two-day Fire-Wise Workshop will be held in April. He will bring back information on that workshop.

Chief's resolution needs to be signed for the Okanogan County Chief's Association. It will not be signed at this time. It will be forwarded to the County Commissioners whether the majority signs it or not. Jim feels the county needs someone to come in and investigate commercial building fires to determine origin of fire. Sam asked about the training back east. Jim has not heard anything more about it.

Sam said that he received an e-mail from George stating that he has been trying to get a hold of Joe regarding donation of some land that shows some possibilities for a fire station, but we will have to wait

until the snow goes away to check it out. Roger asked how much land is required. It is probably about 2+ acres.

#### Association activities:

Karen reported that the Association is planning a fund raiser in April. The Association is working with Office Depot to try to get us a copier. Roger asked for a quality recorder also. They are looking at a couple of designs for letterhead. Roger recommended a 50/50 raffle drawing at the chili feed. She received a donation offer of \$500.00 but it is contingent upon matching funds. Sam has three items he would like to donate if Karen will stop by and see if they are worthwhile. The balance of her report was not picked up because she was too far away to be recorded.

Mike Woelke talked about the web site. It is generally completed. We need to have a definite logo/emblem small enough to not use a lot of graphics to be able to complete the site. The commissioners will have to approve the web site. Jim asked how many logos we are going to have. Will each group have a different one, one for trucks, letterhead, etc? Sam said we would like to have just one. Sam will put logo approval on a future agenda.

#### Budget;

Jim said he thought that was to be next week. Sam said that because of the funds not being available until 2008 will need to get a loan. Tim said that we have to go to the county to borrow so we can have some protection in the valley for next year. We will have to borrow monies against the 2008 tax year. Sam said we need to at least set up a budget whether we have to use it or not. Sam asked about getting a \$1,000.00 or so to put in an investment account. Tim said that if we have a budget meeting next week, we need a resolution. Roger asked if we have an estimate of what we will get. Tim said we don't really know at the present time. We were told \$17,000 to \$18,000.00. We will get less than half of that by May 2008. We need to borrow over and above what we need, for insurance, trucks, etc., and fund aside for fuel, tires, and unforeseen items. The county is loaning money at 6.6% and Tonasket said their investment

Account is earning 2.2%. Tim said he needs an amount to go to the county commissioners with. He needs a resolution for the amount and a resolution for making a loan from the county.

Our fire season ends the last of October, so we should go into an investment account and pay off the loan with whatever we are comfortable with, and maybe the Association will have some money for us, so we can payback the county without carrying over to the next year. Tim moved to go to the county and borrow \$5,000.00. Roger seconded the motion. We will need \$1,800 for insurance; we have to have public input to borrow the money. We will have a hearing next week for public input.

Due to an error with the recorder, the rest of the meeting was not recorded.

Lyman's want a service contract with the district. Jim said we have one we can set up with him.

April 14 is the Chili Feed.

Budget Resolution # 07-02-19-01 will be voted on.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Prater, Secretary

