

Fire District #16 – April 9, 2007 – Meeting Notes.

Meeting brought to order at 6:03pm.

Resolution 20070409-1 – Passed – Authorizing the issuance of burn permits at no charge as discussed in meeting held April 3, 2007.

Tim – The District now has money in the County account.

Jim – Talked to 2 people regarding agreement with US Forest Service and got 2 different answers – nothing confirmed yet.

Communication Plan available at next meeting

Sam – Water from Chris Short not available – selling the property.

Reminder that candidates for Sam's position need to be found

Need calendar of events for Mike Woelke for the website

Jim - Mike working on “matrix.”

Sam – Read minutes from last meeting

Chief's report:

Tender status in “Soap Lake.” Jim talked to Bob Bannon (DNR) regarding modifying to a 30 day delay in making decision (putting together another truck) to see if our work parties are viable – Bannon agreed.

Existing tender needs to have equipment pulled off and use some existing plumbing.

Have a VFAP grant for \$1,200 (\$600 match – in-kind labor) for pump

T-shirts – currently available for volunteers only for Saturday's event. Donated by Jim and Shauneen Wheeler.

(3) 600 gallon aluminum tanks – Skip McKenzie brought from Underwood, WA. Good shape – very little dollars to make in to good working order. Could place at Mike Woelke's, Shannon Garoutte's, and possibly Carl & Maria Shockley's. Are vented and fill from bottom. Physical attributes were discussed along with security or vandalism issues.

Skip got the first of two old pumps we got from Tonasket Fire running. Very good shape and strong output.

Firewise Program Jim and Shauneen attended Thursday and Friday was very informative. Jim would like to use this program within the district for residents

Fun day Saturday, April 7: several of the volunteers learned how to run pumps on Little Red, the Unimog and Yellow tender.

Asked if medical forms were mailed from the doctor's office yet so can close out volunteer files. Karen to pick up mail tomorrow. Jim showed procedure to keep these forms sealed and private – commissioners agreed that procedure is fine. They are put in a sealed envelope, the seal is initialed and dated and put in their personnel file. All files are under lock and key.

Hopes for activation of response to fire calls April 17 – Tuesday, providing all is in place with insurance, etc.

Tim – Acknowledged Little Red as owned by the Wheelers so needs a contract for equipment use and insurance.

-Insurance Agent Jim Clarkson was injured and a new agent is trying to get up to speed – Wilson Wooschager. To contact Shane this AM for details.

Tim/Jim – Also need to get employee insurance going with BVFF. Can proceed without medical forms, but volunteers can not go on a fire without the medical form done.

Jim – Need firefighter job description. It needs to be changed and then he will forward to all 3 commissioners. Still uncomfortable with point system due to no history to draw from. Maybe a “ratio” or “%” of calls responded to instead. Use this information for incentive for pension fees/contributions as a suggestion.

AFG Grant spreadsheet: Our cost \$1500 for \$30,000 grant. (See list for details)

Tim suggested pagers be added.

“OSSCR” is temporary so that's why the \$900 figure for our own frequency. Frequencies will be available at next Monday's meeting.

Resolution #20070409-2 Adopting Rules and Procedures for Access to Public Records

Tim – AVCFA – Received \$70 more in raffle ticket sales – and a second donation of \$100 from Bench Creek area.

Dan is cleaning up horse buggy donated by Jim Platt.

Meeting postponed until Thursday at 1PM.

Jim – 2 people want to offer personal vehicles for use in carrying a slip-on unit. Questions to be answered regarding contract and insurance.

Sam – Action Items:

Email policies and procedures.

Jim to do press release for burn permits and will email this week for review. Emphasize safety, No dollars, firewise issues and reduction of false alarms.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07.