

# Fire District 16 Minutes

Meeting Date- June 18, 2007

## Attendance

Commissioners- Sam Wright, Tim Kenyon

Roger Prater

Fire Chief- Jim Wheeler (Absent)

Secretary/Treasurer- Ken Thompson

Yvonne Kennedy Skip McKenzie

6:00 PM As chair, Sam brought the meeting to order.

## General discussions-

- Sam reviewed the agenda of tonight's meeting.
- Tim has been acting as deputy fire chief and will continue until about July 2<sup>nd</sup> or when Jim returns.
- The next three meetings will be held on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> at Sam's house. Sam will notify the papers.
- The Kennedy's bunk house may be a possible meeting place for future meetings.
- There will be a yard sale on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Donations can be left at Sam's house.
- The Kennedy's are having a July 4<sup>th</sup> party for Aeneas Valley residents.
- Sam proposed the Fire District pay for the motel room for Yvonne when she attends fire training in Colville. The motion was approved and Yvonne was asked to provide receipts for the motel room.
- The long term debt for the Fire District was discussed. There will be a meeting with the County Treasurer to discuss this further.
- Tim asked Galen Garoutte to provide a bill to replace two tires on his trailer. The trailer was used by the Fire District when the tires were damaged. The replacement tires will be paid for by the Fire District.
- The minutes of the last meeting were read by Sam. After some spelling changes were made, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Sam. Roger seconded the motion.

## Tim Kenyon-

- A fire fighter training meeting was scheduled for the 12<sup>th</sup>; however just before the training was to start the Fire District was asked to respond to a structure fire (a trailer home) just off Highway 20 as part of a mutual aid agreement with the Tonasket Fire Department. The Aeneas Valley Fire Department did respond within 13 minutes of the request with a brush truck and tender. The Tonasket Fire Department also responded. After the fire was doused, the training was completed later in the day.

- During the response to the fire it was noted that handheld radios could not always be used to communicate. Mobile radios need to be installed in each vehicle.
- Roger asked for the frequencies being used. Jim will need to provide Roger this information.
- The Aeneas Valley Community Fire Association provided a basket to the victims of the fire.
- Tomorrow night there will be fire fighter training which will include what to do when faced with breathing smoke from a fire.
- The Fire District is trying to get the blue ford truck up and running and then it will become the brush truck for the District.
- The status of trucks for the Fire District was discussed.
- Mike Woelke has purchased a truck that he suggested could be used by the Fire District. The Fire District will need to add a skid with equipment to the truck. The skid from the Republic truck could be used. This truck, kept at Mike Woelke's home, could then be used to respond to fires in this part of Aeneas Valley. Tim suggested the Commissioners accept this offer and that the District provide insurance for the truck. Tim will write up a contract for using the truck.

#### General Discussions-

- Skip discussed parts that are needed for the 1200 gallon tender parked at Jim's. Skip estimated costs of \$150. The Commissioners indicated an account needs to be set up at Woody's for the parts and they should send a bill to the Fire District at our post office box. The commissioners need to determine who would be able to charge for purchases at Woody's.
- A chain of command needs to be established for the Fire District.
- Skip has a mapping information on a CD provided by the county that has topo and aerial photo information. Skip will look into how to make copies of this mapping information.
- Yvonne asked how folks can get into the Fire District. Tim provided some alternatives and Sam provided information on contracts for service from the Fire District.

#### Action Items-

- Tim hasn't heard back from Home Depot.
- Tim will work on a contract for using Mike Woelke's truck.
- Tim and George Warter will meet with the County on June 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 AM.
- Sam will send the newspapers information on the next three Fire District meetings.
- Skip will work on maps for the fire vehicles.

7:04 PM- Sam moved to adjourn the meeting. Roger seconded the motion.