

Fire District 16 Minutes

Meeting Date- July 2, 2007

Attendance

Commissioners- Sam Wright, Tim Kenyon
Roger Prater
Fire Chief- Jim Wheeler
Secretary/Treasurer- Ken Thompson
Skip McKenzie, Karen Kenyon

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

General Discussions-

- Sam read the agenda for this meeting.
- Jim has resumed duties as fire chief.
- A chain of command needs to be established for the Fire District.
- An article in the Chronicle about Tonasket Fire District fines was discussed.
- Sam read a report from auditors about problems with Fire Districts in the County spending public funding. Sam cautioned the Aeneas Valley Fire District should use caution spending monies.
- Sam read the minutes of the last meeting and made a motion to approve them. Tim seconded the motion.
- The Chronicle got today's meeting place wrong however the Gazette got it correct.
- Yvonne said we could use the bunk house at her home for meetings however it will need to be cleaned out first.
- Yvonne provided a lodging bill for her fire training class for \$76. Tim suggested that the Aeneas Valley Community Fire Association should be able to pay for the lodging.
- The meeting with the County Treasurer was held. The meeting was held to discuss options for long term debt of the Fire District.

Tim- Fire District Activities-

- A discussion with Mike Woelke about the potential of using his truck in the fire district suggested Mike may want to build a skid by himself to install on the truck.
- Tim needs an incident report form to use on the Highway 20 fire. Jim will provide the correct form.
- An application from Yvonne to be a volunteer fire fighter has been received. She has completed the needed training.
- Sam and Tim discussed several possibilities about obtaining an Automatic External Defibrillator for the Fire District.
- Jim brought paperwork for a \$10,032 grant. Tim signed it and returned it to Jim.
- Tim provided paperwork for fuel expenses to get the blue truck here. Sam signed the paperwork.

- Tim provided other paperwork for the Fire District that was signed.
- Mike, Tim, and Skip worked on getting a map for the Fire District. Skip will get a price for 6-10 large maps of the Fire District.

Jim Wheeler-

- Skip, Mike and Jim went to Republic and picked up an International truck. A 1972 Ford F600 may also be available. It runs good and has additional equipment included.
- Radios for the new trucks need to be programmed.
- Jim met with Chelan #1 and got a 750 gallon tank for the Fire District.
- The blue truck is now fully functional. Pictures were sent to DNR. DNR has a F800 truck that could be available to the Fire District. Jim made the necessary applications for the truck.
- A Forest Service FEPP truck is still in the works.
- Other tools have been picked up in Republic. Jim has sanded and varnished handles and sharpened shovels. These tools are now ready to use.
- A grant from the Washington State Patrol Fire Marshall's Office for training has been approved. Jim has been working on this grant that will provide \$2,586 for the Fire District.
- We are waiting for calls from DNR and the Forest Service about equipment donations.
- Information from the Washington State Ratings Bureau indicates it is possible to move the Fire District from a class-10 to a class-9 designation. A class-8 designation will be difficult to achieve.

General Discussions-

- Karen discussed the Aeneas Valley Community Fire Association's budget.
- Skip suggested Fire District meetings could be held in his shop.
- Tim suggested aluminum ladders from Henderson, Oregon may be available for the Fire District.
- 1st aid training was discussed. Steve Bonner in Wauconda may be available to provide the training. Tim will investigate. Jim may also be able to provide the training.
- Jim will look into grants for Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs). Jim also suggested the Fire District needs a plan for using AEDs.
- Jim discussed emergency vehicle drivers training. Jim will contact the Fire District's insurance agency for more information.
- Roger discussed the possible of obtaining a Dell computer.
- Tim asked Roger to investigate costs to drill an 8 inch hole 100 feet deep. Roger will also contact the PUD to investigate potential rates for the Fire District.
- The Fire District will move fire equipment down into the valley to prepare for the upcoming 4th of July holiday.

7:50 PM Sam moved to adjourn the meeting. Roger seconded the motion.