

Fire District 16 Minutes

Meeting Date- November 26, 2007

Attendance

Commissioners- Sam Wright, Tim Kenyon
Secretary/Treasurer- Ken Thompson
Yvonne Kennedy, Gordon Smith

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

General Comments-

- The election results should be validated on Nov. 27.
- Sam read the minutes from our last meeting. The minutes were approved and signed by the commissioners.
- Sam proposed the meeting schedule be changed to monthly and be held on the 2nd Monday of every month. Sam moved to approve the motion and Tim seconded the motion.
- The next meeting is scheduled for December 10th at 6:00 PM in Tonasket.
- A regional meeting dealing with real estate is scheduled for December 10th in Wauconda.
- Sam read additions to Yvonne's press release. The press release will be sent to the Chronicle and the Gazette.
- An online survey for the Board of Volunteer Firefighters was discussed. The firefighters will be invited to take part in the survey.
- Sam handed out copies of materials provided by Roger at our last meeting.
- A reimbursement voucher \$96.00 to pay for the Fire District P.O. box was signed.
- Ken provided a summary of the Fire District's income and expenditures through this November. Ken will email the commissioners a copy of this summary.
- Tim has turned in documents to the State for a grant to help reimburse the District 90% of the cost of the pumps we recently purchased from Darley. Okanogan County reviewed this purchase then tacked on a \$332.21 "use tax" to the purchase. Darley subsequently has sent a revised bill requesting an additional \$318.78 for sales tax they omitted from the first billing. The District, the County, and Darley, need to resolve who gets what tax and what needs to be done keep the Fire District from paying sales tax twice.
- Tim indicated he and Mike had several new purchases planned. New radios are expected to be purchased with a 50/50 grant. The Phase I grant usage this year and plans for the Phase II grant for 2008 were discussed. Mike and Tim are working on the phase II grant. Goggles and radios may be purchased as part of the grant.
- A small fire in the District was called in. It was investigated and found to be a small slash burn near the side of the road and posed no threat.
- Tim indicated it could take 9 months to a year before the District's new radio frequencies are approved.

- Dues and insurance for the firefighters will become due in January. The District needs to determine what will be paid for. Tim will tabulate costs and discuss this at our next meeting.
- Tim said training is continuing for the firefighters. Training is scheduled for the 4th and the 18th of December.
- Sam will update his charts for review at the next meeting.

Old Business-

- Tim is continuing to work on decals for the fire vehicles.
- Roger and Tim are continuing to investigate membership fees.

