

Fire District 16 Minutes Commissioners Work Meeting

Meeting Date- August 11, 2008

Attendance

Commissioners- Roger Prater, Tim Kenyon
Secretary- Ken Thompson
7 Aeneas Valley Residents

6:05 PM- As acting chair, Roger brought the meeting to order.

Roger read the minutes from the July 28th meeting. After two minor changes, the minutes were approved and signed by the commissioners.

Ken

- Suggested receipts from Superior Auto be kept by Superior and mailed with the billing statement. The commissioners approved the suggestion.
- Provided details on expenditures and income for July.

Expenditures

○ Coleman Oil	\$ 122.96
○ Reimb. Skip (costs to drive back (donated fire vehicle)	\$ 256.14
○ Reimb. Tim (costs to drive back (donated fire vehicle)	\$ 211.17
○ Superior Auto Parts	\$ 120.06
○ Spokane House of Hose	\$ 31.70
○ Reimb. Mike (purchase of truck from Tonasket)	\$1,000.00
○ Coleman Oil	\$1,169.54

Income

○ Tax revenue	\$ 428.12
○ Cayuse Fire- DNR	\$19,260.00

General Discussions-

- Equipment lease from Taz construction not yet complete.
- Work parties were discussed and encouraged.
- A truck to transport and store fuel was discussed. Fuel storage tanks were discussed.
- Environmental containment needs required for refueling vehicles were discussed.
- A Self Contained Breathing Apparatus plan was received by the commissioners.
- Radio frequencies for Aeneas Valley were discussed.
- Road signs for the valley will be deferred until after the fire season.

Tim- Fire Chief Activities

- An allegation concerning Aeneas Valley Fire Fighters during the Cayuse fire is spreading by word-of-mouth in the valley. The allegation has been and is being investigated at multiple levels in Aeneas Valley and DNR. To date, these investigations have found the Aeneas Valley Fire Fighters performed professionally during the Cayuse fire.
- Fire fighters responded to a fire near Turner Lake in the Cape Labelle area. The fire was contained. DNR and the Forest Service also responded. The Forest Service took over the fire which was on their land. Subsequent inspections of the fire by Aeneas Valley occurred for several days.
- Aeneas Valley fire fighters responded to a fire in the Green Lake area as part of our mutual aid agreement.
- During all of these fires, fire fighters and equipment remained in Aeneas Valley to protect residents.
- Resolution 2008-06-09-02 concerning adding additional areas into the fire district was found to contain several errors and was cancelled via Resolution 2008-08-11-01.
- Commissioners approved a trip to pick up and drive back a donated ambulance for fire district use.
- The commissioners discussed giving Cleo an older fire district radio. Cleo provides valuable fire updates to the fire district.
- The commissioners discussed State Law as it pertains to releasing public records. As part of these discussions the commissioners approved requiring all requests for public records be sent in writing to the fire district (P.O. box 645, Tonasket). After reviewing requests a reasonable date will be provided to the requester. The requester is also responsible to pay for postage to mail the requested information and a 15 cents/page document processing fee. On a case-by-case basis, other processing fees may apply.
- The commissioners discussed and approved purchasing a printer/copier. Printing/coping costs, now being paid by fire district volunteers, are becoming excessive. The printer/copier will be kept at Skip's because the training materials he produces represent the largest usage in the fire district.

The next commissioners work meeting is scheduled for September 8th at 6:00 PM at the Tonasket School.

Chairperson

Commissioner

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