

WALLA WALLA COUNTY F.P.D. NO. 6

656 4th Street

Touchet, WA 99360

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING February 13, 2024

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm at Station 61. Commissioners Darren Goble, Burl Hanson and Richard Easton were in attendance, as well as Chief LeLand Weber and Assistant Chief Rusty Waite.

The mail was reviewed.

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Commissioner Easton, which was seconded by Commissioner Goble and unanimously approved.

The minutes from the January 9, 2024, regular meeting were read. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Goble, seconded by Commissioner Easton, and unanimously approved. Vouchers 2024031 through 2024060 for a total of \$11,976.66 were reviewed. Vouchers 2024031 through 2024049 were for wages in the amount of \$4,053.00. Vouchers 2024050 through 2024060 were for monthly bills in the amount of \$7,923.66. A motion to pay the vouchers was made by Commissioner Goble, seconded by Commissioner Easton, and unanimously approved. The Financial Statement for the month of December 2023 showed a total of \$529,597.23 available. The Reserve Cash Account had a balance of \$757,611.13.

Resolution 2024-03 to reinvest \$257,611.00 for one month was reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Easton to approve both of the resolutions, which was then seconded by Commissioner Goble, and unanimously approved.

LeLand Weber gave the Chief's report. He stated that the officer group was trying to figure out what to do with the volunteers that are not responding. He told the Board that they had been contacted, but there has not been a response since then. Chief Weber is going to reach out again to find out if they are still interested in being a volunteer for the District.

There were no issues with the runs for the previous month.

It was stated that there were no issues with Station 1, but that there was a zoning issue that was being worked through with the new Frenchtown Station. Currently Frenchtown Station is designated as a rural activity center. Commissioner Goble, Captain Kromm and Assistant Chief Waite had a meeting with Brian and Jason from Palouse Hills Consulting regarding grant writing and the issue with the zoning. Brian said that he would talk to the zoning department and find out what paperwork is needed to change the designation. Brian will also try to schedule a survey of the property with Anderson Perry & Associates. The paperwork from the County for the Frenchtown Station property says that there is 40 feet of property to the north of the building that is currently being tilled by the neighboring farmer. If there is enough property on the north side of the property, the District may be able to have a drive through bay.

Rusty gave an update on the status of the District's vehicles. He stated that the services on the trucks have been started and once they are done, then the wildland trucks will be next.

There has been an order for EMS supplies made.

It was stated that the City of Walla Walla is starting an Active Shooter training program. Rusty is to get more information on the subject. He is also going to look into the possibility of getting a belt for supplies that need to be carried in an active shooter situation.

Rob Kandle from FireEngineeringTraining.com joined the meeting via Skype to give the Board a demonstration of the training classes that are available for the volunteers. The Board was shown an overview of the platform for online training, training planning and how the training taken is recorded in the system. He stated that there were 1,000 courses available, such as compliance courses, fire, and EMS courses. It was stated that online training would be a good way to augment the hands-on training that the volunteers receive at the bi-monthly training sessions. Rob stated that the online training was subscription based and if the District was interested in it, it would be \$81 a month per person and the setup fee would be waived if the District signed up for a three-year contract. He stated that if the District did not feel that it was working for the District, that his company would release the District from the three-year contract with no penalties. The Commissioners discussed the idea and decided to table the discussion/decision until next month.

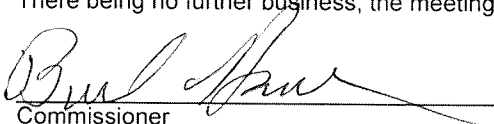
The EMS Levy dispersal contracts were signed.

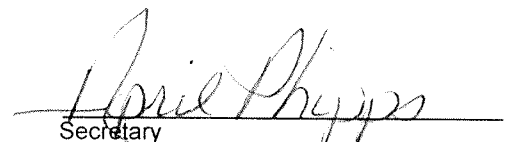
The propane tank lease from Morrow County Grain Growers was signed.

The State Auditor's audit assessment letter was signed.

There was a discussion regarding the purchase of protective clothing for the volunteers. The quote for five structural helmets was \$1,724.00, six wildland helmets was \$2,023.63, four wildland coats and three pair wildland pants was \$2,569.04. It was stated that the clothing equipment needed to be inventoried to see what all was needed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.


Commissioner


Secretary