

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

656 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Touchet, WA 99360

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING OCTOBER 10, 2023

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 Assistant Chief Rusty Waite and Captain Kevin Kromm.

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

The minutes, from the September 12, 2023, regular meeting were read. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Easton, seconded by Commissioner Hanson, and unanimously approved. Vouchers 2023290 through 2023311 for a total of \$11,320.81 were reviewed. Vouchers 2023290 through 2023311 were for wages in the amount of \$5,182.00. Vouchers 2023312 through 2023319 were for monthly bills in the amount of \$6,138.81. A motion to pay the vouchers was made by Commissioner Easton, seconded by Commissioner Hanson, and unanimously approved. The Financial Statement for the month of August 2023 showed a total of \$423,745.62 available. The Reserve Cash Account had a balance of \$757,611.13.

Resolution 2023-14 to reinvest \$257,611.00 for one month was reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Easton to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Hanson, and unanimously approved.

There were no runs for the month of September that needed to be discussed.

It was stated that volunteer Wyatt Towne now has an EMT number (365), as well as an EMS bag. It was also noted that WESCOM has gotten a list of the volunteers and the EMRs have been loaded into the system.

There was a discussion about the steps that would need to be done in order to get the Frenchtown Station up and running. It was stated that it would probably happen in two stages, which was OK'd by the District's attorney, Brian Snure. There would need to be an RFQ form filled out, in order to get someone to be in charge of the project. The RFQ would need to be posted for 13 days and depending on the timing, it might be necessary to have a Special Meeting, in order to get everything squared away.

Assistant Chief Rusty Waite told the Board that he had a conversation with the District's insurance agent, who told him that Station 1 for the District does not currently have sufficient insurance on the building. The estimated cost to replace the building, should a catastrophic event occur, would be more in line with 2.4 million dollars. The agent will give the District a quote on the added coverage, as well as making sure that the value of the District's equipment is also in line with the current replacement costs. It was also stated that the new Frenchtown Station has been added to the insurance.

The new washing machine for Station 1 is supposed to be shipped by 10/20/23 and should be here by the end of the month.

It was noted that all three of the District's engines passed the pump tests, after E3611 had an overheated fan issue repaired.

Captain Kromm told the Board that the new EMT class is currently being taught. It was stated that on 10/21, 11/11, 12/9 and 12/16 it would be good to have District 6 volunteers to help during the class. He also told the Board that he had not yet been able to get a hold of the Homatro representative to have the tools serviced.

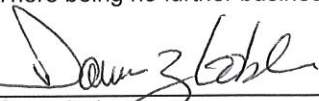
The training report was given - it was noted that the First Aid/CPR class is scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. The EVAP dates are still being worked out.

The media page was discussed. Rusty showed the Board what Megan Waite has done to get the page started. The Board all agreed that Megan had done a good job setting it up, making sure that it has all the information that is required by the State. There was a short discussion regarding what webhosting site the District might use. Commissioner Hanson made a motion to look at the hosting site GoDaddy.com to see what they charged. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Easton with all in favor.

There was a short discussion about the upcoming budget for 2024. Since the minimum wage for Washington State will be over \$16, it was decided to raise the unit amount to \$17, in order to be in compliance with the State. The discussion also encompassed the new addition to the budget for the Touchet Firefighter Association, so that the District can give money to the Association for appreciation dinners and awards for volunteer service. Rusty told the Board about the Challenge Coin that he would like to use to show appreciation to the volunteers. He stated that since next year would be the first year that the District would give the Association money for such things, he planned on purchasing the first Challenge Coin himself, so that one of the District's volunteers who is no longer able to respond to calls will be honored for his participation on the Department this year. Rusty asked the Board what color of coin the Board thought was best and after looking at a print out of the coins - it was decided to go with the gold color.

Commissioner Easton stated that Wreaths Across the Nation is in need of volunteers to put up the wreaths at the cemetery and if anyone has any questions, please let him know.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

  
Commissioner

  
Secretary