

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

656 4th Street

Touchet, WA 99360

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING JANUARY 9, 2024

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at Station 61. Commissioners Darren Goble, Burl Hanson and Richard Easton were in attendance, as well as Chief LeLand Weber, Assistant Chief Rusty Waite, Captain Kevin Kromm and Brian Sewell from Palouse Hills Consulting

The mail was reviewed – nothing to report.

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

The minutes from the December 12, 2023 regular meeting and the December 20, 2023 special meeting were read. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Hanson, seconded by Commissioner Easton, and unanimously approved. Vouchers 2024001 through 2024030 for a total of \$16,479.15 were reviewed. Vouchers 2024001 through 2024016 were for wages in the amount of \$3,906.50. Vouchers 2024017 through 2024030 were for monthly bills in the amount of \$12,572.65. A motion to pay the vouchers was made by Commissioner Hanson, seconded by Commissioner Easton, and unanimously approved. The Financial Statement for the month of November 2023 showed a total of \$529,597.23 available. The Reserve Cash Account had a balance of \$757,611.13.

Resolution 2024-01 to invest \$500,000.00 for a term of six months and resolution 2024-02 to reinvest \$257,611.00 for one month were reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Easton to approve both of the resolutions, which was then seconded by Commissioner Hanson, and unanimously approved.

Chief Weber gave the Chief's report, stating that there were no personnel issues, or runs that needed to be discussed. He also stated that due to the coming frigid temperatures, the propane would need to be checked at the Frenchtown building, as well as leaving some water dripping in the sink to make sure that the pipes don't freeze.

It was stated that the tarps on both engines have been installed and that the leak on 3611 had been fixed. Atkinson Mobile Repair will also start doing the services on the grass trucks.

An order has been made for EMS supplies, which include blood pressure cuffs.

LeighAnne Sauve' and Richard Easton's EMR status has been updated. It was also noted that Travis Slater has been added to District 6 and approved at the state level.

There will be OTEP training at Touchet this Thursday and the EVAP training will be done this spring.

Brian Sewell discussed the rehab of the Frenchtown building and how to start the process with the Board. He suggested that it would be a good idea to set up a committee to steer the plan and then go to the Commissioners who will make the decisions. He stated that Palouse Hills Consulting could help with any grants that might apply for the rehab, as they have resources to find grants. Assistant Chief Waite stated that he had looked at grants from DNR, however he has been unable to get a hold of the person that would be able to answer if the District could qualify. The first item is to schedule a survey of the property.

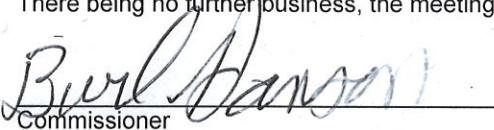
It was stated that the State Mobilization contracts have been signed. It was also noted that the new Emergency Manager is Chris Lee.

There was a short discussion regarding Dispatch and the possibility of a change in the way its funding comes through. If the EMCAB committee decides to go forward with a tax on sales in the county (.001 to .002), then the County Commissioners would send it to the voters and may be done by 2026.

Rusty stated that he wanted to get an order for protective clothing this year and will get a Cascade representative to come and measure the volunteers.

As this is the first of the year, the Chairman of the Board position has changed from Commissioner Goble to Commissioner Hanson.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.


Commissioner


Secretary