

GRAYS HARBOR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT # 2
District Meeting Minutes
19 January 2006 7:00 PM

The Commissioners meeting of Grays Harbor Fire District #2 was called to order by Chair Dale Hensley at 7:00 PM in the Central Park Fire Department. Commissioners present: Nick Dunjic, Dale Hensley and Mike Whittaker. District Chief Danny Prater present. Station Chief's present: Frank Scherer, Greg Bash and Larry Willis. Others present: Mark Roebecker, Tony Broten, Rich Beeman, Chris Franks, Lester Willis, Cheryl Thompson, Jerry Thompson, Mike Hubbard, Casey Novak, Jeff Novak, Mike Franks, Tom Gruhn and Josh Ambrose.

Executive Session was called for Personnel reasons. Session was for fifteen minutes, extended for ten minutes more.

Action take was to sign District Secretary contract.

Meeting resumed at 7:25PM.

Motion made by Hensley and seconded by Dunjic to approve Resolution 2006-02 giving District Secretary a six year employment agreement.
Unanimously carried.

Motion made by Dunjic and seconded by Hensley to accept Whittaker as the new 2006 Chairman of The Board of Commissioners.
Unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hensley and seconded by Whittaker to make Dunjic new 2006 Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.
Unanimously carried.

Dunjic moved and Hensley seconded approval of agenda.
Unanimously carried.

Hensley moved and Dunjic seconded approval of minutes for December 2005.
Unanimously carried.

Hensley moved and Dunjic seconded approval of minutes for the Special Board Meeting.
Unanimously carried.

Secretaries Report Attached.

Dunjic moved and Whittaker seconded approval of Resolution 2006-01 to reinvest reserve account.
Unanimously carried.

Ambulance report attached.

Station Reports:

Wynoochee – Reported 8 volunteers, 1 senior reserve, 1 on leave. They had 1 call.

Brady - reports 2 senior reserves, 17 active, 1 on leave. 52 hours of training with 232.5 hours of stand-by. Six people attended the Leadership Class.

Deputy Chief Willis submitted a letter recommending that we stay with Fire 1 and not go with Fire 7. Letter attached. Discussion followed. Many unanswered questions. If Fire 7 does not work can we go back to Fire 1? Who will pay for all the changes? We had agreed to go to Fire 7, but are still using Fire 1. The CAD printer at Station #32 still is not working. Conclusion was that the Board of Commissioners will write a letter to 911 and visit with Peggy to try to come to some agreement.

Motion made by Dunjic and seconded by Hensley to bring Chris Franks on board as a Volunteer Firefighter, he has met all the requirements. He will be stationed at Brady.
Unanimously carried.

Central Park – Reported 15 active, 1 on probation, 1 senior reserve. We had 6 fire call for the month. Izzat removed the large tree from the station #31 property. The star was saved to be used on the station at Christmas. The Annual Crab Feed will be February 4th at 7PM. It will be a non-alcohol event due to liabilities. Special event permit could cost \$1000.

District Chief Report – attached.

Bids for Surplus Red Van was opened. Two bids received 1) \$301 from Clinton Carter ,and 2) \$379.99 from Frank Scherer. Scherer was awarded the bid.

Motion was made by Hensley and seconded by Dunjic to sign the title over to Scherer when the cash was received. Light and sirens are to be removed.
Unanimously carried.

Whittaker moved and Dunjic seconded a motion to allow the District Chief to attend EMS Conference on February 24-26.
Unanimously carried.

Five scholarships may be available to the EMS Conference. The District Chief's rig will be used to car pool if necessary.

Hensley made a motion and Whittaker seconded to accept EMS Volunteer Points Program Policy. Setting up \$6000 for the year Jan-Oct 2006.
Unanimously carried.

As per Dr. Canfield the Manual Defib Tech position is to be eliminated.

Hose testing contract was discussed. Tabled to the February meeting.

Hensley moved and Whittaker seconded to increase the Deputy Chief's salary to \$400 a month, beginning January 2006
Unanimously carried.

Letters from Deputy Scherer were read into the minutes. Attached.
Additional letters were received from Captain Cheryl Thompson, anonymous letter was read, all were stating issues of concern for the future of District #2.

Letter from Mike Hubbard was received but not read into the minutes. Attached. Discussion followed with Hubbard sharing his feelings about the issue.

Another letter was read into the minutes but it was not signed. Scherer discussed his letters and his concern for the future goals of District #2. Whittaker expresses his agreement. We need to set a clear direction for District #2. We do have changes that need to be made. We can all move forward together.

Commissioner Whittaker and Dunjic passed around a letter from them supporting the District Chief. Letter was read into the minutes. Attached.

It is suggested that we have a planning meeting with the Commissioners, District Chief, District Secretary, Deputy Chief's, and Captains to set goal and objectives. Discussion followed .

Much discussion followed with District personnel and the Commissioners over the problems facing the District.

DOT Contract with the District was discussed, letter was read from Snure, see attached.

What about Central Park School Fire protection?

Board of Commissioners asked Prater to submit a letter to DOT, attaching Snure letter stating they are required by statute to contract for Fire Protection.

Eligibility List for Firefighter/Paramedic was discussed by Hensley. He would like to see us belong. \$750 to set it up with \$350 fee per year to belong. Discussion followed and was tabled for the February meeting.

Dunjic moved and Whittaker seconded to have the District Chief oversee the Volunteer Incentive Program. Committee will have a rep from each station, volunteers will stay in charge of the program.

Hensley objected.

Motion carried.

Dunjic moved and Whittaker seconded to become a member of the Co-Op Subscription Program. Unanimously carried.

Good of the Order: The first planning meeting for Goals and Objectives of District #2 will take place Thursday at 6:30PM January 26th at the Central Park Station.

It was suggested that we plant trees along the property line to help stop erosion into the creek.

Commissioner Dunjic has asked Union Rep Tony Broten to take charge of the Union people and keep them in check.

Sick leave used by paid staff needs to be policed within. If it is being abused they must stick to the contract. Dr's orders is required if you have 3 consecutive sick days.

EMS Levy needs to be worked on starting now. There are many things needing to be done long in advance.

A thank you from the audience to the Commissioners for taking a step forward to bring the District back to a working unit.

Motion was made by Hensley to remove a letter from Grandstrom's personnel file. Motion died due to lack of a second.

Executive session was called at 10:15PM for personnel reasons. Commissioners asked the District Chief, Deputy Chief Willis and District Secretary to attend.

Meeting resumed at 10:30pm with no action taken.

Whittaker moved and Dunjic seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:35pm.
Unanimously carried.

Next meeting 9 February 2006 @7PM.

Commissioner

Secretary

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