

GRAYS HARBOR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT # 2

District Meeting Minutes

8 June 2006

7:00 PM

The Commissioners meeting of Grays Harbor Fire District #2 was called to order by Chair Mike Whittaker at 7:00 PM in the Central Park Fire Department. Commissioners present: Nick Dunjic and Dale Hensley. Deputy Chief's: Frank Scherer and Larry Willis. Others present: Philip Oldham, Tony Tarnowski, Rich Beeman, B. J. Pitts, Cheryl Thompson, Tony Broten, Mike Hubbard, Judi Hubbard.

Flag salute was called.

Motion made by Hensley and seconded by Dunjic to approve the Agenda for 8 June 2006 meeting.

Unanimously carried.

Motion made by Hensley and seconded by Dunjic to approve minutes for 11 May 2006 meeting. Unanimously carried.

District Secretary amended minutes of April 2006 to show that Judi Hubbard gave a letter to the commissioners and secretary to be added to the minutes of that month. Hensley made a motion to accept the change and Whittaker seconded.

Unanimously carried.

Secretary's report attached.

Hensley moved and Whittaker seconded approval of Resolution 2006-09 to reinvest expense Account of \$40,000.00.

Unanimously carried.

Ambulance report is attached.

Wynoochee – no one present.

Brady – reported 2 senior reserves, 18 active, 2 on leave. They had 80.5 training hours, 184.5 standby hours, 23 aid calls and 7 fire calls, 2 structure fires and 2 mutual aids. Scott Schmits has completed his paramedic class, will take the test soon.

Willis introduced B.J. Pitts as a probationary Firefighter.

Dunjic moved to accept Pitts a Probationary FireFighter and Hensley seconded the motion. Unanimously carried.

CP – attached.

District Chief attached.

Discussion took place about the SCBA's and their state of repair.

Hensley made a motion to pay SeaWestern, Inc for the SCBA's in the amount of \$160,433.00, of this, \$55,000.00 is being paid by Kansas Bank because we had to take a loan to pay our share. Dunjic seconded the motion.
Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Whittaker to surplus a number of mobile radios we no longer can use, to the Montesano Educational Services #113 to be used in the school busses. Hensley seconded the motion.
Unanimously carried.

Discussion followed as to whether we want to do anything from the District to Jim Heikle, Hoquiam Firefighter/Paramedic for helping at the W. Wynoochee Ave fire. He saved a woman's life.

Whittaker made a motion to present him with a plaque at the next Hoquiam City Council meeting. The cost not to exceed \$100.00. Prater will take care of the plaque. Whittaker and Prater were asked to attend. Dunjic seconded the motion.
Unanimously carried.

Commissioner Dunjic has asked Chief Prater to put the Web page on hold until we see if the EMS Levy passes.

Unfinished Business:

Tabled the Paramedic listing to the next meeting.

New Business:

911 OPS Board position is open. Discussion followed.

Whittaker made a motion to send a letter to 911 nominating District Chief Prater for the position on the 911 OPS Board. Hensley seconded the motion. District Secretary was asked to follow thru with letter.
Unanimously carried.

Discussion followed about the Cascade System housed in the Montesano Fire Department. We should sell it to them for \$1.00.

Motion was made by Hensley to approve Resolution #2006-09 setting the EMS Levy amount to be submitted to the public at \$.50 per 1,000 assessed valuation for the September election. Dunjic seconded the motion.
Unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Dunjic to approve Resolution #2006-10 setting the EMS Levy amount to be submitted to the public at \$.50 per 1,000 assessed valuation, to be set for the November election in case the September ballot does not pass. Whittaker seconded the motion. Hensley opposed to the \$.50 increase, he feels we should bring it back to the minimum of \$.25.
Motion carried.

Dunjic made a motion to pay for the FIT Tester 3000 Calibration as long as other Districts pay for their share, at least to cover the wear and tear on the machine. Prater will send out letters to the District. Hensley seconded the motion.
Unanimously carried.

Richard Beeman questioned a Commissioners right to check into his OTEP training within the district and charging for it. Discussion followed. Whittaker stated that until a policy prohibiting training and charging within the District nothing can be done.

Public Comment

Commissioners welcomed Denny Bicar a former Deputy Chief of Central Park to the meeting. He questioned the quality of information in the newsletter.

Judi Hubbard would have like to see the District Chief's goals and accomplishments in the newsletter. Prater stated that financially we are more stable than a year ago. His one goal was the Newsletter. Judi Hubbard questioned whether the paid and volunteer staff is any more one team than they were a year ago. Prater stated he is trying to accomplish that, they work together and there is less conflict. But he is only one person.

Commissioner Whittaker stated the Paid staff came aboard before Prater and we are working hard to move toward positive changes for the district. It usually takes 5-8 years to get a cohesive team and we are in out 3rd year. We have come a long way.

At 8:15 PM Commissioner Whittaker called an Executive Session for Personnel Issues. Session to last 20 minutes. Possible action to be taken.
Session extended 20 minutes.
Session extended 20 minutes.
Session extended 25 minutes. At 9:40pm meeting called back to order.

Probationary Firefighter Tony Tarnowski has been asked to resign and return in (9) nine months, this is due to Lack of Performance. Discussion followed. Tarnowski refused to resign.

Motion was made by Dunjic to dismiss Probationary Firefighter Tony Tarnowski on grounds of Lack of Performance, effective immediately. Hensley seconded.
Unanimously carried.

Good of the Order:

Captain Josh Ambrose questioned that the Associations have received a \$6.00 per drill/per attendee stipend for many years. They would like the Commission to consider an increase in that amount in 2007.

Discussion followed to purchase a computer for the District Secretary.

Whittaker made a motion to purchase a new computer for the District Secretary in the amount not to exceed \$1300.00 plus tax. Hensley seconded the motion.
Unanimously carried.

Hensley made a motion to pay the vouchers for 8 June 2006 totaling \$14,576.84. Dunjic seconded the motion.
Unanimously carried.

Hensley made a motion to accept the payroll for May totaling \$27,430.13. Dunjic seconded the motion.

Unanimously carried.

Commissioner Whittaker called an Executive session at 9:50pm for Personnel reasons. Session to last 15 minutes. No action anticipated.

Meeting called back to order at 10:05pm

Dunjic moved and Whittaker seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:05pm.

Unanimously carried.

Next meeting 13 July 2006 @7PM.

Commissioner

Secretary

Commissioner

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