



Grays Harbor Fire Protection Dist. #2

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"District #2 - Serving Brady, Central Park, Wynoochee and Outlying Montesano Areas"



COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES

8 September 2011

7:00 PM

The Commissioners meeting of Grays Harbor Fire Protection District #2 was called to order by Commissioner Dean. Meeting opened at 7:00 PM. Present was Commissioner Hubbard and Commissioner Hensley. Also present: James Kuchciak, Deputy Chief Larry Willis, Tony Broten, Eric Barge, Cheryl Thompson, Jerry Thompson, Assistant Chief Frank Scherer.

Flag salute was called.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Hensley and seconded to approve the agenda of 8 September 2011.
Unanimously carried

2. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Hensley and seconded to approve regular meeting minutes of 11 August 2011.
Unanimously carried

3. SPECIAL SPEAKER

Tom Pickett with Canfield and Associates spoke to the Board about the up coming Chief search. Canfield and Associates have been working with the Board in all aspects of this search. The application and application packet was reviewed. September 12, 2011 thru October 10, 2011 was set as open application period. The job description will be sent to the WFCA, WF Chief, Daily Dispatch, and Oregon Fire Commission Association. Discussion followed.

4. SPECIAL SPEAKER

Greg Luhn, Director of Marketing with Fairway Collections spoke to the Board about using Fairway Collections as our debt collections agency in conjunction with Systems Design our Ambulance Billing Company. The Agency adds their fee to the unpaid balance on the debtors account and tries to collect outstanding debt. GHFD#2 has \$30,000 dollars in uncollectable debt. How does it work: System Design sends client to Collections agency when it is delinquent 90-120 days. A pre-collection letter is sent stating 30 days to pay. Fairway in discussion with System Design, then sends a collection letter, the client has 30 days to dispute debt; Fairway tries to work with the client or it could be sent to legal if they refuse to pay. Collected funds are then sent to System Design the 10th of each month. DSHS and Medicare claims are taken of by System Design.

Board asks that this be put on the next meeting agenda.

5. UNION REPORT

Broten thanked everyone for their work on the Levy signs. Broten stated that the Union as been in talks with Montesano Union concerning the joining of the two Unions. Broten stated that under Labor Management Relationship, that Labor and Management have much animosity between them. Labor has little confidence in being able to reach out to the Commission. Commissioner Dean stated that Labor and Management meetings are important. Broten asked that when the Union and the Chief meet the Union would like a Commissioner present.

