



Sagle Fire District

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REGULAR BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

May 11, 2015

Chairman Goodyear called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Present were Commissioners Goodyear, Engelhart, and Charbonneau. Also present were Chief Stocking and Executive Assistant RuthAnn Zigler. Excused absence: Steve Fels.

Commissioner Engelhardt made a motion to add an item under New Business, Item K, Commissioners Recruitment and number. Commissioner Charbonneau seconded and the motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Charbonneau made a motion to approve the accounts payables as presented. Commissioner Engelhardt seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Engelhardt made a motion to approve the March 23, 2015, April 3, 2015, April 13, 2015 and the April 27, 2015 minutes as presented. Commissioner Charbonneau seconded and the motion carried.

REPORTS

Chief's Monthly Report: Chief Stocking distributed the Operational Report for April 2015 for the Boards review.

Treasurer's Report: Chairman Goodyear reported that we at 85.25% of budget year-to-date.

NEW BUSINESS

ICRMP Member Contribution Estimate: The Chief reported that we received notice from ICRMP that our 2016 policy renewal will only have a 1% increase over this year's premium.

Report on openings due to employee injuries: The Chief reported that we currently have three employees out on medical and injuries. We may need to consider hiring a temporary person but will keep the Board informed.

Discussion and possible authorization to pay overtime to employees who participate in off duty training: The Chief reported that he would like authorization to pay employees overtime for off duty department training which occurs at least once a month. After

discussion the Board approved but also recommended that this should be an item that needs to be identified in the next Union contract.

Discussion and possible authorization to purchase helmet shields: The Chief reported that we will be ordering helmet shields for a cost of approximately \$984.

Discussion and possible approval to proceed with Selkirk Fire Logo, Patches, etc.: The Chief reported that we are in the process of labeling uniforms, duty clothing, helmets, etc. to identifying Sandpoint and Sagle Fire departments as one. The cost is approximately \$4,000 and the cost would be split between the two departments.

Discussion and possible authorization to purchase third pair of volunteer turnouts: The Chief reported that we have another volunteer who needs a pair of turnouts. As mentioned in the April meeting, career staff's turnouts will be transitioned into turnouts for volunteers and career staff would receive a new set.

Discussion and possible direction on driveway repairs at Station 2: The Chief reported that the Driveway at Station 2 has a problem with water and mud collecting in front of the bay doors. A concrete apron needs to be put in to alleviate this problem.

Commissioner Engelhardt made a motion to authorize the Chief to collect three bids for the cost of labor and materials to repair the driveway outside the bay doors at Station 2. Commissioner Charbonneau seconded and the motion carried.

Discussion and possible direction to purchase three refrigerators at Station 2: The Chief reported that he inspected the refrigerators and only one refrigerator is needed and he can purchase within his authorized spending limit.

Discussion and possible authorization to develop Bylaws for extended liability for the Commissioners: Commissioner Engelhardt stated that he would like to have the Board develop Bylaws that would require the District to purchase liability insurance or extend the insurance coverage we currently have in order to protect the personal assets of the Commissioners serving on the Board. The commissioners do not get paid but all of their personal assets are at risk from anyone who wishes to file a legal claim. The Chief said he will contact our insurance agent to see if any umbrella policy may be available and he will report back to the Board.

Discussion and decision regarding conflict of interest between Sagle Fire District and Rob Goodyear in Loper vs. Sagle Fire claim: Commissioner Goodyear reported that our attorney who is handling the defense in the Loper vs. Sagle Fire asked for the Board to decide if there is a conflict of interest if he represents Commissioner Goodyear on a professional level. We received a letter from the attorney which is an agreement on the part of Sagle Fire District to agree to joint representation and waive potential conflict of interest in doing so.

Commissioner Charbonneau made a motion to authorize Commissioner Engelhardt to sign the conflict of interest waiver agreement with Etter, McMahon, Lamberson, Van Wert & Oreskovich, P.C.. Commissioner Engelhardt seconded and the motion carried. Commissioner Goodyear abstained.

Commissioners Recruitment and number: Commissioner Engelhardt requested Board discussion about the position of commissioner and how we go about recruiting to fill vacant positions. We currently have five sub-districts and the question has been asked if we are required to have five sub-districts or can we just have one district and then elect to have three to five at large commissioners. Commissioner Engelhardt asked that further research be done to see if we can do away with the five separate geographical areas and make as one entire District; does the Idaho Statute prohibit us from doing this, and does it have to go to the public for a vote? The Chief said he will contact our attorney and report back to the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion and possible direction on Bonner County EMS: The Chief reported that we received a letter from Bonner County Commissioners confirming that they have decided not to reverse their decision made at their March 31, 2015 meeting to terminate their contract with Sagle Fire. There was discussion on the direction we need to go. The Chief and Commissioner Goodyear will be meeting with Attorney Dodson to discuss filing an injunction; the Chief stated that the public needs to be educated on what is going on. Commissioner Goodyear said that we need to look into the procedures that were followed when the County Commissioners come to their decision to cancel the contract with Sagle.

Discussion and appointment of Chairman and Treasurer to the Board: Commissioner Goodyear informed the Board that he will be resigning so we need to officially select a Chairman and Treasurer for the Board; he also recommends selecting a Vice Chair.

Commissioner Charbonneau made a motion to appoint Dennis Engelhardt as Treasurer to the Board. Commissioner Engelhardt seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Engelhardt made a motion to appoint Steve Fels as Chairman of the Board. Commissioner Charbonneau seconded and the motion carried.

Discussion and possible motion to continue moving forward with the merging of Sandpoint Fire Department and Sagle Fire District: The Chief reported that at this time there is nothing new to report.

JPA Board update: Commissioner Goodyear reported that at this time there is nothing new to report.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Engelhardt made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session under Idaho Code 67-2345 (F) for a litigation matter. Charbonneau seconded and the motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Goodyear – Yes; Commissioner Engelhardt – Yes; Commissioner Charbonneau – Yes.

Came out of executive session at 10:20 a.m. and returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Engelhardt made a motion to adjourn the Meeting at 10:21 a.m. Commissioner Charbonneau seconded and the motion carried.