



# Westside Fire District

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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

August 8, 2017

Chairman Gadsby called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m.

Present were Commissioners Gadsby, Child and Warren. Also present were Chief Stocking, Executive Assistant RuthAnn Zigler and Battalion Chief Michael Gow.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Child made a motion to approve the Regular Board meeting minutes on July 11, 2017 as amended. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion carried.

Commissioner Child made a motion to approve the accounts payables as presented. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **REPORTS**

#### Chief's Monthly Report

Incident update: Year-to-date we have responded to 1267 incidents. For the month of July Westside Fire responded to 19 incidents.

We had a significant fire on Merrill Martin Road in Sagle; 1271, the Beast was used on this incident and performed like a champ. The house was fully involved when the crew arrived on scene. Aircraft was requested to make water drops but because of the time of day was unable to fly. The crew had to work quickly to prevent the fire from moving into the forest. The State Fire Marshal and the insurance investigator is investigating the cause of the fire.

We had a drowning at Morton Slough in Sagle. One child drowned at the scene and the second child was flown to Kootenai Medical Center and is in critical condition.

Sleeper Program Update: We are getting about 20% participation in the Sleeper program at the Dover station.

Employee update: There was nothing new to report.

Volunteer update: Eric Jackson has been teamed up with Captain Hansen on a wildland assignment for the last twenty-one days and they are due back by tomorrow.

We are in the process of opening up a resident program in the Wrenco station. A new volunteer, Jay Mayfield will be the resident there. He's currently a EMT and has entered a fire academy program starting in January 2018 and he will also be going to paramedic school.

Training update: We will be doing a training exercise this Friday with the U.S. Forest Service and Idaho Department of Lands on Gold Hill; this area has been identified as our highest risk area in the event of a fire. Due to the extreme dry conditions, we have also posted "No Burning Allowed" signs at each end of the Westside Fire District.

Maintenance Update: We have a couple people interested in the aerial. Assistant Chief Hopkins is currently working with Idaho Department of Lands to have their engine removed from Station 2's parking lot.

JPA Update: There was nothing new to report.

Other: Firefighter Pucci's Monthly Activity report was distributed for the Boards review.

The fire station lease with Dover Bay has been signed, notarized and a copy placed in file.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS**

Final review and discussion on 2017-2018 proposed budget: The 2017-2018 Budget was reviewed and discussed. The Budget Hearing meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 22, 2017.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Child made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:43 p.m. Commissioner Warren seconded the motion carried.