



Minutes of the
REGULAR SAGLE FIRE, WESTSIDE FIRE AND JPA MEETING
May 8, 2018

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Chairman Converse called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. after verifying the required quorum. Board members present: Brett Converse, Bill Atkin, Allo Pucci, Tom Trulock, Matt Linscott, Cindy Marx, Will Gadsby, Jim Woodward, Chief Stocking, Recording Secretary RuthAnn Zigler and Battalion Chief Kevin Amorebieta. Absent: Tom Eddy, Mark Croft and Ken Charbonneau.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Linscott made a motion to approve the Regular Board meeting minutes on April 10, 2018 as presented. Commissioner Marx seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Trulock made a motion to approve the Sagle Fire accounts payable as presented. Commissioner Linscott seconded and the motion carried.

Commissioner Gadsby made a motion to approve the Westside Fire accounts payable as presented. Commissioner Pucci seconded and the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

REPORTS

Chief's Monthly Report

Incident update: Year-to-date we have responded to a total of 734 incidents. For the month of April Sandpoint responded to 105 incidents, Westside responded to 26 incidents, and Sagle responded to 58 incidents.

Employee update: We are at full staff; there are no employees out on sickness or injury.

Volunteer update: Chief Hopkins completed an evaluation of our volunteers and we currently have 20 active volunteers throughout the department. We are always actively looking for new volunteers.

Sleeper/Resident Update: There is no change to report.

Training update: Northside Fire District is currently going through a restructure and have asked if they can participate in our daily trainings. We have agreed to allow them to participate beginning on June 1st. We have developed a standard operating guideline that if other agencies want to train with Selkirk Fire they are required to come to training clean shaven, in uniform, with full safety gear and be ready to participate.

Maintenance Update: Next week the asphalt will be laid for the apron and the dormer will be built over the front door at the Careywood station.

Captain Hilton evaluated a fire engine back east that we are interested in. His evaluation found the engine to be in excellent condition; he did notice some corrosion on the frame. The Chief stated that engines constructed between 2000 and 2006 have been having frame issues and

have had to be taken out of service because of frame corrosion due to how the metals were constructed at that time. The Chief informed the Fire Department that it's an excellent truck and we would be interested in it but the frame will need to be repaired which is about a \$25,000 repair. We are waiting to hear back from the department.

Other: The City of Sandpoint has put the JPA on their agenda for a Public Hearing at their meeting on June 6th. We are proposing going from a JPA agreement to a JPA authority. At this time we are looking for letters of support and the Board was encouraged to send in their support letters. We are also encouraging businesses to write-in letters of support. Insurance premiums for business owners in the City of Sandpoint will be reduced because of the regional concept to emergencies responses and the number of staff. Insurance companies are looking at Selkirk Fire as a regionally based fire protection instead of as an individual station; this is a bigger picture for regional fire protection in Bonner County. We will have good, solid examples that will be presented to the Council Members and the public on how business owners in the City of Sandpoint and City of Dover will see a reduction in their business premiums by us going from a public protection class of 4 to a 3. Council Members will vote on this issue at their meeting on June 20th.

All three boats are in service – City Beach Marina, Dover and Sagle and all career firefighters have received training on operating the boats.

Last year the Board discussed possibly getting a side Sonar for the boat which was estimated to cost approximately \$3,000. Last season the department responded to three (3) search and recovery incidents where a side Sonar may have been helpful. This item will be added to next month's agenda for further discussion.

Treasurer's Report

Chief Stocking gave the April financial reports for Sagle Fire and Westside Fire.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PRIOR MEETING(S)

Budget Hearing date change to August 28, 2018: The Board was informed that the Budget Hearing date is confirmed as August 28, 4:30 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers.

Reconciliation on Grievance for Firefighters Calhoun and Wolf: The Chief reported that three (3) years ago Sagle had to lay-off three (3) firefighters and two (2) of the firefighters were hired back to full duty. These two (2) firefighters filed a complaint stating that they would like to be made whole in regards to their sick and vacation accruals. Instead of starting their accrual rates as a new employee, they wanted their accruals to be set back to their original hire date of 8/2/2012.

Commissioner Linscott made a motion to acknowledge the grievance from Firefighters Calhoun and Wolf and have the original hire date and tenure for those dates in consecutive order added to the PTO bank to be made whole from the original hire date, retroactive back to February 13, 2018. Commissioner Trulock seconded and the motion carried.

EF Cost Recovery Contract: This item tabled.

Meeting stipends: This item was tabled.

Medical benefits for Board members: This item was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Cooperative Agreement with IDL: IDL's Cooperative Agreement was distributed to the Board for their review. The Chief recommended that Westside Fire sign this agreement but stated he needs further clarification for the Sagle Fire agreement since Sagle does not pay for fire protection on unimproved land, so this is the Department of Lands responsibility.

Commissioner Gadsby made a motion that Westside Fire sign the Cooperative Agreement with IDL as presented. Commissioner Marx seconded and the motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Gadsby – Yes; Commissioner Marx – Yes; Commissioner Pucci – Yes.

Firefighter Safety Grant: This item was tabled.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Linscott made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. Commissioner Marx seconded and the motion carried.