

STEVENS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1  
REGULAR COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Location: Online using Whereby

**CALL TO ORDER**

The commissioner meeting of the Stevens County Fire Protection District #1 was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Commissioner Whittaker. Commissioners Mark Whittaker and Claude Earl "Skip" Wells were present; Commissioner Danny Lee was not present, excused absence. Also, in attendance were Chief Mike Bucy and Board Meeting Clerk Dee-Andra Schmidt. Commissioner Whittaker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

**Commissioner Wells moved that we approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda as presented.** Commissioner Whittaker seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting recessed at 7:06 p.m.

BVFF meeting convened at 7:06 p.m.

**BVFF**

**NO BUSINESS**

BVFF meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Regular meeting reconvened at 7:06 p.m.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

*See attached report.*

1. MVA update; FF Schade, had 1 plate and 10 screws for his wrist surgery. Lt. Vandervert has been medically cleared to return by the end of this week. Both will be continuing their care as directed by their physicians. I am still working with the adjuster in regards to finalizing numbers for the Engine claim.
2. Fires; numerous in the last two weeks; ATV's, Equipment hitting a rock, suspicious origin, unknown causes, and some still under investigation. The response by the crews has been phenomenal, our training and efforts have really shined over these last few very busy weeks. Our mutual aid responses have been amazing as well. On the 41 acre fire at Stonelodge on July 3<sup>rd</sup> we had; 200 personnel and 13 aircraft, no homes were lost. We have also provided mutual aid to our neighboring districts during these very busy times.
3. Grants; County Commissioner Wes McCart has asked me to be apart of the meetings to distribute the \$4.2 million that has been allocated to the County thru the American Recovery Act. I will attend the first meeting next week.
4. Calls; Our call volume is running considerably higher, we are already 227 calls over last year at this same time. We had 20 calls on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July alone, not too many were fireworks related. We are averaging 5+ runs per day, with over 50 this month already.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**a. CHECK DISTRICT COMMISSIONER CALENDAR**

For July we have the quarterly report and the Chief's review.

The strategy meeting that was scheduled for the 8<sup>th</sup> will need to be rescheduled at our next regular Commissioners meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>. The newspaper has been notified.

**b. STATION 2 UPDATE**

MLS changed, no activity

**c. SALARY AND BENEFITS PROGRAM**

Tabled, may schedule a special meeting to go over the details more thoroughly.

**d. MOU WITH IAFF4333 ON TAMPORARY PART TIME FF**

Attorney Brian Snure recommended no changes after vetting the document.

**Commissioner Wells moved that we accept the temporary MOU as presented and allow Commissioner Whittaker to sign on behalf of the board.** Commissioner

Whittaker seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously**

**BUSINESS**

**a. MA AGREEMEENT WITH CITY OF SPOKANE**

Singular MA agreement like we have with other neighboring districts that would include Hazmat and all other City Fire Resources.

**Commissioner Wells moved that we accept the MA agreement with the City of Spokane and allow Chief Bucy to sign on behalf of the board.** Commissioner Whittaker seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously**

**b. WASHINGTON STATE AUDITOR ANNUAL REPORT REVIEW**

Commissioner Wells met with Office Administrator Cari Richardson at the District Office on June 22<sup>nd</sup> to review the report. His findings were as follows: They found no additional items to add, all grants were reported, and no issues were found. Our Office Administrator did a wonderful job. The relationship between the Treasurer's office and ours is staler; the Auditor's office relationship is improving. Our staff is liked and communication is good. Excellent review process for the C4 report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Whittaker adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.



Dee-Andra Schmidt  
Board Clerk

Accepted by:



Claude E. Wells in lieu of Commisssioner Lee, Board Chair  
Commissioner

Date: July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021