

STEVENS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1  
REGULAR COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
Tuesday, September 7th, 2021  
Location: Online using Whereby

**CALL TO ORDER**

The commissioner meeting of the Stevens County Fire Protection District #1 was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Commissioner Lee. Commissioners Mark Whittaker and Claude Earl "Skip" Wells were attendance. Also, in attendance were Chief Mike Bucy and Board Meeting Clerk Dee-Andra Schmidt. Commissioner Lee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

**Commissioner Whittaker moved that we approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda amended as requested by Commissioner Wells; adding Stevens County Fire Commissioners Matter to the Business Section.** Commissioner Wells seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting recessed at 7:08 p.m.  
BVFF meeting convened at 7:08 p.m.

**BVFF**

**Commissioner Whittaker moved to approve Voucher AR 21-07-09 for New Volunteer Physicals for O'Neill and Taylor,** Commissioner Wells seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

BVFF meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.  
Regular meeting reconvened at 7:11 p.m.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

Mobilization/Wildland –

Ford/Corkscrew should be in patrol status by the 14<sup>th</sup>. IR teams were able to go in 50' around the 48 mile perimeter, which is very impressive. DJ Green the DNR Arcadia Manager has been doing a great job. No major flair ups. When it moves to patrol status it will be checked twice a day, it will be burning until a significant weather event.

Cari and I will be on mobilization for likely 7-10 days on the Muckamuck Fire in Omak.

Jason Gallagher's assignment with a type 2 team as a structure protection specialist on the 25 Mile Fire in Chelan is a good opportunity for training.

Question from Commissioner Lee;

Q. What are the plans for Engine 2?

A. Enduris has given permission to move it. We are waiting on approval to remove a few items pending the Salvage Value assessment.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **CHECK DISTRICT COMMISSIONER CALENDAR**

There will be a Budget Meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am in person at Station 2

**Commissioner Whittaker motioned to attend the Snure and WFCA conferences virtually, Commissioner Wells seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **STATION 2 UPDATE**

The closing has been extended to mid-September; everything is progressing as expected.

### **COVID-19 UPDATE**

We have had a couple of exposures; one was the wife of a volunteer and one was a part timer who tested positive. As for the Mandate, we have only had one request submitted to date and that one was not done properly according to the guidelines and rejected. We have had one Firefighter/EMT request to be changed to a tender operator as they do not want to be vaccinated. The deadline to submit an exemption request is 1700 on the 9<sup>th</sup>, so we will have a better picture by Monday on where we are at with all of it.

## **BUSINESS**

### **a. Commissioners Conference –**

Commissioners Lee, Wells, and Whittaker requested the hotel rooms be cancelled, if attending the will go virtual.

### **b. Stevens County Fire Commissioners Matters –**

(Commissioner Wells requested this item be added and it was approved by Commissioners Lee and Whittaker for discussion.)

The County Fire Commissioners have been trying to schedule their meeting in Kettle Falls as it is up for rotation, they are finding it difficult do to space constraints and noncompliance with the mask mandate. They will discuss scheduling again in October for a potential November date, they may also try to hold it in Colville with permission from the City. There is no mandate on how many meetings are to be held. The meeting does not have to be held in the District that is up for rotation if accommodation cannot be found. A message will be sent out to the District with an update.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Lee adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.



Dee-Andra Schmidt  
Board Clerk

Accepted by:



Claude Earl Wells in lieu of Commissioner Lee, Board Chair  
Commissioner

Date: September 7th, 2021