

STEVENS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
REGULAR COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Monday, September 20th, 2021
Location: Online using Whereby

CALL TO ORDER

The commissioner meeting of the Stevens County Fire Protection District #1 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Commissioner Lee. Commissioners Mark Whittaker and Claude Earl "Skip" Wells were attendance. Also, in attendance were Chief Mike Bucy, Board Meeting Clerk Dee-Andra Schmidt, and Firefighter Glen Schade. Commissioner Lee 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 7:02 p.m.
BVFF meeting convened at 7:02 p.m.

BVFF

No Business

BVFF meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.
Regular meeting reconvened at 7:02 p.m.

CHIEF'S REPORT

1. Apparatus – E2, we are waiting for it to be removed, Enduris had a delay. Glen Schade may be back on November 2nd, he is able to lift 35lbs and is hoping to get to 50lbs before his return to full duty. The WSP report should be completed soon.
2. Mobilization/wildland – Ford/Corkscrew Fire; There has been nothing significant on any of the calls for smoke checks.
3. Administrative – Burn Ban; Lots of confusion. County ordinance says we follow State DNR, regional office is saying we have separate guidelines. The press release from the Director of Public Lands office clearly stated that all burn restrictions were lifted. Still trying to iron it all out. The FDR may drop to moderate by Friday.
4. District Changes – We have two Dollar Generals proposed for the North end of the District; one in Springdale, the other in Loon Lake. There is also a proposal to develop a 50 slot RV park just East of 4-corners in Loon Lake that will include a 500-person arena.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

STATION 2 UPDATE

No check yet. The Buyers are requesting money credit for roof repairs in the amount of \$9,782.75, along with several other repairs that could come to several thousands of dollars. Commissioner Lee suggested we bring in our own contractors for quotes and see where we are at once the cost estimates come in. Commissioner Whittaker offered to have his broker look everything over to make sure we are moving in the right direction. We should have a course of action after the planning meeting on Tuesday the 21st.

COVID-19 UPDATE

The situation in the County is holding steady. We are seeing increased delays and shortages for ambulance calls. The Sheriff's ambulance is running EMS calls. Arden is using a BLS truck to transport patients. The Northern Districts are running out of ambulances and our District is struggling with delayed response or none at all. The situation with personnel shortages is affecting every department, one fire district has 3 individuals that will comply with the mandate and everyone else said they would walk. We are in need of our County Government taking action, they were asked on April 4th of 2020, if they had an EMS plan and we have heard nothing since. The call volume is increasing County and region wide. The issue needs to be addressed, Chief Bucy suggested the County Commissioners Meeting may be the best place to start.

Commissioner Whittaker makes a motion to appoint Commissioner Wells as Stevens County Fire Protection District #1 representative to the Board of County Commissioners with Chief Bucy as joint representative to address this issue. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

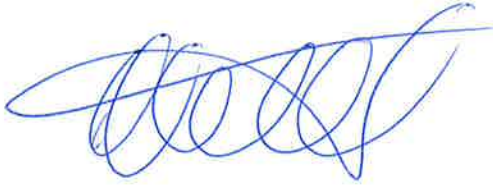
Commissioner Wells along with Chief Bucy will take this matter to the next County Commissioners Meeting.

BUSINESS

No Business

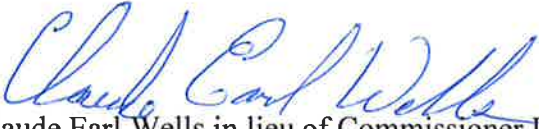
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Lee adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.



Dee-Andra Schmidt
Board Clerk

Accepted by:



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

Date: September 20th, 2021