

# **Pierce County Fire District 13**

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# Minutes Board of Fire Commissioners April 13, 2021

<u>Commissioner Noll</u> called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call led by **Commissioner** <u>Noll (by Zoom)</u> to confirm quorum has been met. Present for the meeting: **Commissioners** <u>Malone (by Zoom)</u> and <u>Commissioner Zuluaga (by Zoom)</u>; and <u>Chief Wassall (by Zoom)</u>: <u>Captain Les Sandstrom (by Zoom)</u>

Members of the Public and Staff: 3

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Minutes:** *Motion-* A motion was made by *Commissioner Zuluaga* to approve the meeting minutes of Mar 9, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Seconded Commissioner Malone

Passed (Unanimous)

**Vouchers:** 

**Motion-**A motion was made by **Commissioner Zuluaga** to approve vouchers #16432-16476 for \$51,875.96 for monthly payables.

Seconded: Commissioner Malone.

Passed (Unanimous)

**Motion-**A motion was made by **Commissioner Malone** to approve vouchers #16384-16431 for \$17,406.25 for Vol FF Qrtly payrolls.

Seconded: Commissioner Zuluaga.

Passed (Unanimous)

**Motion-**A motion was made by <u>Commissioner Noll</u> to approve voucher #16477 in the amount of (\$6,092.41) for Deposits:

IRS Refund (\$3,918.90), FTC VS A1 Janitorial (\$25.51), Air Systems (\$1,948.00), PCPALS (\$200.00)

Seconded: Commissioner Malone.

Passed (Unanimous)

#### **Correspondence:**

#### SPECIAL REPORTS AND/OR STANDING COMMITTEES:

Chiefs Report:

Calls: 13 total calls, 2 Fire Calls, 9 EMS, and 2 Service Calls.

**Staffing and Recruiting:** We have received 3 inquiries from people who would like to see about joining our department. Between Captain Sandstrom and now LT/MSO Dawson they will check in with them to see what they are looking for and if we are a good fit. We have been a

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little on the light side for staffing, but the second half of this month looks like we should be where we need to be.

# **Financial Report**:

GL Trial Balance cash on hand: \$176,418.33 Less 04-013-2021 expenses -69,282.21 Deposits (not yet posted) <u>6,092.41</u> Remaining cash on hand: \$113,228.53

Reserves: \$257,201.00

**Training:** The Governor has placed Pierce County back to Phase II. Tonight, is OTEP medical training so we will be on-line for drill. Going forward we will have to see what being back in Phase II will do for bringing back the department for training. We just started getting back into hands on fire training.

**SS911:** Nothing formal to report, but in 2 weeks they have invited several agencies to tour the new facility. That may be put on hold, we will wait and see.

Fleet Status: We had to take Engine 76 in for a leaking hose line. Turned out to be a bad gasket on the inlet side of the pump. Whenever the engine went into pump it would charge one of the speed lays, deployed or not. We still need to get both engines in for their annual inspection and pump testing. We will schedule that to happen in July after academy finishes. MSO Report: We will have LT/MSO Dawson give this month's MSO report. I will say that in these 2 weeks, she has been trying to establish contacts and get familiar with the different reporting responsibilities, with the State and County. She will do great things for us. Good of the Order: We are just getting into the fun stuff with the academy. Very strong academically and still working hard on the physical practical things. The Browns Point community itself is starting to be more active. They're getting outside more and it's nice to see them. We are continuing to do our District walks. We are better than halfway through Browns Point, June we start in Dash Point. I have a meeting scheduled with Silvia McClung and Dana Peregrine to discuss whether we are going to have a 4th of July parade this year. We had 3 personnel participate at the BPIC Easter Bunny event, we passed out pencils and stickers for the kids. That afternoon we did a drive by celebration for a birthday. It's been fun to mix with the citizens again. We did 2 CPR classes for Costco Wholesale and re-certified 13 of their employees. I need to carve out a few hours to get my AHA homework completed so I can remain a CPR Instructor. Lastly, Jacob Hubert from Draeger will be here at Station 77 to recertify me and Tammie Donovan From District 13 in Mason County. We were planning to hold this class in Leavenworth. Unfortunately, Seattle Fire brought Jacob out for training on Monday April 26th and Tuesday April 27th. At the same time LT/MSO Dawson will also become trained to service our SCBA's. That will give us 5 personnel trained to service our packs. I sent an e-mail to Eagle Compressor to remind them that we have been down now 6 months. They know and we are not the only ones to have service problems. The plan is the folks in England will/are planning on having our replacement compressor in the mail by mid-June. I asked them to keep us in the loop, not knowing was worse.

## MSO Report: LT/MSO Keri Dawson

COVID-19 updates: Counties will be individually evaluated every three weeks. The evaluations will occur on Mondays with any possible changes taking effect Friday, with the first evaluation scheduled for April 12. In addition to being individually evaluated, large and small counties will

have different sets of criteria. In order to move down one phase, a county must fail both metrics for case counts, and hospitalizations.

New COVID cases per 100,000 population over 14 days: Phase 2, 200-350.

New COVID hospitalizations per 100, 000 population per 7 days: Phase 2, 5-10.

Indoor maximum capacity 25%, Remote work strongly encouraged, 25% otherwise. Thereby, OTEP will continue virtually.

Outbreaks in Washington State schools will be updated monthly, as of 3/31/2021.

Pierce County Vaccinations are as follows; Vaccine doses given, 390,112. People initiating vaccines, 234,648. People fully vaccinated, 153,619.

All information is from Washington State Department of Health.

## **Commissioner(s) Report:**

## **Commissioner Zuluaga:**

WFCA conference at Tulalip Casino- Commissioner Zuluaga and Chief Wassall to attend.

#### **Commissioner Malone:**

Thanks to FF Rapozo and FF Failauga for participating in the Easter Bunny drive thru.

BPIC is scheduling rentals for May.

Pierce County Council looking into posting sandwich boards on East Side Drive.

### **Commissioner Noll:**

# PC Fire Commissioner Meeting March 25<sup>th</sup>:

Speaker Dan Hays, Hughes Fire Equipment:

Have Demo fire trucks, represent Pierce Manufacturing (1,700 units per year)

Has Tacoma service center, Everett has mobile service unit

Can clean turn-out gear with liquid CO2, removes 99% of carcinogens (we ship out gear and get back in a week, about \$120 per set of gear)

E Quinn says Sourcewell and HGC are good for cooperative purchasing arrangements

Chelan seminars (June) cancelled

State conference in Tulalip (October 21-23) is on

Commissioner picnic July 22nd in Orting at park, catered truck service

## Legislative Update as of April 9th

HB 1362 - Modifying the Annual Regular Property Tax Revenue Growth Limit. Sponsored by Duerr, Pollet This late arriving bill changes the 101% revenue growth limit to 100% plus population changes and inflation, with a limit of 103%. Appears dead in-House Finance committee. This issue will be alive for next session.

SSB 5384 - Volunteer Firefighter Leave of Absence Sponsored by Warnick, Short This bill states that employers must provide for a leave of absence if the volunteer firefighter is deployed under the State Mobilization Act. It protects the job status of a volunteer and states that the employee must notify their employer of their voluntary firefighter status and arrange for leave if mobilized. Passed House. Will be delivered to Governor after signatures.

#### WFCA Website Materials:

WFCA W Updated Fire Commissioner Handbook

2021 Washington laws for fire protection

WFAC pamphlets & helps

# **Public Information Report-Presented by PIO Scott Watkins**

837 visits on the Website

155new people visits.

+39% in Facebook views

PCFD13 will be represented in Life at the Points magazine in the May issue.

PCFD13 is scheduled to be on the front page of Life at the Points for the July issue.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Town Center Project:

Minimal changes. Sitkin has not heard from developer but is looking out for our interests. Possible concerns with retail shops. Mitigation agreement not signed. No SEPA hearing yet.

2. BP Station Remodel:

All Commissioners are in favor of retaining Brian Snure as legal counsel for guidance in the potential remodel. **Commissioner Noll** to contact Brian Snure to assist with preparing an RFQ document.

MRSC Membership: Do we have Membership? No.

3. Status of Capital Facilities Plan

The Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) has been uploaded to the Fire District 13 website. Updates will be made periodically as new or revised information becomes available. Planning meeting on May 11 after regular monthly Commissioner meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Schedule Planning Meeting.

May 11, 2021 after regular monthly Commissioner Meeting.

2. Property Survey of Station 77 (Browns Point).

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 11:09 am.

Chief has been given the go ahead to contact a land surveyor to survey Station 77 (Browns Point) property.

- 3. MRSC Participation. Cost is \$135 per year. We provide Small Works Roster and Vendor list to them. More research and better understanding may be by needed.
- 4. Legal Representation Options;

Commissioner NoII to contact Snure on availability and interest in working with us.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The next regular meeting will be Tues., May 11, 2021 at 9:00 AM.

Approved By:

Chairman Noll

Commissioner Malone

Commissioner Zuluaga

Fire Chief/District Secretary

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