

**Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 3
Meeting of the Board of Commissioners Meeting
January 14th, 2020**

The Board of Commissioners meeting for Skagit County Fire Protection District #3 was called to order at 7:00 PM on January 14th, 2020 at the Cedardale Fire Station with the following in attendance:

SKFPD3 BOARD

Roger Heim, Commissioner
Matt Stratton, Commissioner
Steve Boon, Commissioner
Stephanie Robbins, Secretary

SKFPD3 MEMBERS

Mike Ray, Chief	Jeff Locken, Asst. Chief
Jake Pederson, Capt	Elly Pederson, EMT
Angela Pederson, EMT	Michael Stapel, FF
Ryker Walde, FF	Jesse Cain, FF
Kyle Frydenlund, Capt	

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Izzy Pederson	Dave Towne	Betty Ullom	Larry Friend
John De Vlieger	Mel Ullom	Sierra Lee	Sandra Walde
Stan Labore	David Walde	Tony Pratt	Travis Coulter

Board for Volunteer Firefighters- 2020 remittance of annual fees for disability & pension

Correspondence- None

Commissioners Heim swore in new commissioners Matthew Stratton & Steven Boon.

Chief Ray along with family members pinned badges on Firefighter Elly Pederson & Firefighters Ryker Walde.

Commissioner Stratton motioned to accept the December minutes, Commissioner Boon seconded; the motion carried.

Commissioner Stratton motioned to accept the Financial report, Commissioner Boon seconded; the motion carried.

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the bank statements, treasurers report and county report.

Chief's Reports

See attached exhibit to the minutes.

Chief stated that both the Conway & Cedardale Volunteer Associations ordered new battery operated rescue tools to be donated to the District.

Old Business-

New Business-

Commissioner Stratton motioned to nominate Commissioner Heim as chairman for the year 2020, Commissioner Boon seconded; motioned carried.

2019 Participation Review- Commissioners reviewed the 2020 participation level for all volunteers.

Public Comment-

John De Vlieger asked how many of the current district volunteers are college students and if they are assigned tasks. Chief Ray explained that the district, along with 3 other fire districts in Skagit County received a FEMA grant that gives scholarships to students to attend the fire program at Skagit Valley College. In return the students must belong to the fire district they are assigned to and serve 96hrs per month to that district. The college students are assigned tasks, go on calls and given time for home work when they are in the district.

Dave Towne noticed that the call volume seems to be up about 17% year over year and wanted to know if there was a definitive cause for this? Chief Ray explained that in his opinion the area is just getting more populated and this causes more calls.

Dan Rohloff- Expressed concern about Commissioners serving as firefighters, he felt that the district policy prohibiting this was changed to allow Tony Pratt to serve as commissioner and Firefighter. Commissioner Heim explained that the policy was changed, and requires a unanimous vote from the board to allow a commissioner to serve as firefighter. Commissioner Heim also stated that in March of 2018 when Travis Coulter stepped down as commissioner, commissioner Kemper and himself felt that Tony Pratt was a good fit to fill the commissioner vacancy and wanted to allow him to finish out his last few months to get his 25yrs in with the Board of Volunteer Firefighters Tony stepped down as Battalion Chief to become a commissioner with the district and retired as firefighter at the end of August 2018.

2019 Bills approved for payment totaled \$8,722.57
Bills approved for payment totaled \$34,030.49
Monthly payroll approved for payment totaled \$4,960.07
Quarterly payroll approved for payment totaled \$16,454.30

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 11th day of February, 2020.

Roger Heim, Board of Commissioner Chair

Stephanie Robbins, Secretary

Chief's Report

January 14, 2020

Operations Report:

- Number of calls to end of 2019: 492
- Compared to end of 2018: 419
- Members: 43 active members, one new prospective member and 2 members on leave of absence.

Ongoing business:

- Point Capture system should see work starting next month.
- Long range plan, levy, work ongoing.

Stations:

Station 1: N/A

Station 2: N/A

Chief:

- Associations have worked together and will be ordering two new extrication tools to present to the Fire District. It will take several weeks for the tools to arrive.

Apparatus:

- No issues to report

Training:

- GLMR training continues

Wildland:

- California wildfire – paperwork approved.

Personnel:

N/A