

**Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 3
Meeting of the Board of Commissioners Meeting
Oct 13th, 2020**

The Board of Commissioners meeting for Skagit County Fire Protection District #3 was called to order at 7:12pm on October 13th, 2020 thru Zoom 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.	Kyle Frydenlund, Capt.
Dan Rohloff, LT	Julie Heim, EMT
Elly Pederson, EMT	Brandt Walde, FF

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ed Kemper Dave Towne David Walde Larry Friend Edward Kemper

Board for Volunteer Firefighters- Accident report for Jordan Stapel.

Commissioner Stratton motioned to accept the September minutes with correction of the date at the top of the 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.

Commissioner Stratton motioned to approve accounts payable for \$37,238.19, monthly payroll for \$5,210.74 and quarterly payroll for \$1,168.52 pending commissioner's final signatures, Commissioner Boon seconded; the motion carried.

Chief's Reports

See attached exhibit to the minutes

Old Business-

T-316- Chief Ray stated T-316 is finished at Motor Trucks now waiting for the pump interface.

Wildland update- reimbursement form the summer wildland deployments are coming in. Stephanie and Mike are working through the process to get reimbursement from the California deployment.

New Business-

Resolution 2-2020- Increasing the budget by \$140,000 to cover wildland deployment wages and the repairs to T-316 was approved by the board of commissioners.

Commissioner Stratton mentioned that the gentleman that saved the children at the Lake Mc Murray house fire a few months ago is receiving a Red Cross Hero award.

Public Comment-

Dan Rohloff stated that he has concerns about Chief Ray applying for a grant for COVID reimbursement to cover the district MSA half masks because he feels they are not going to protect the patient only the firefighter. Chief Ray explained that he is working with a grant specialist and that the masks are industry standard.

Dave Towne Thanked the volunteers for their service. Expressed concern about Chief Rays employment contract. And stated he still has several hundred plastic sheet protectors he would like to get to the district.

Dave Walde heard that there was a letter of no confidence from the officers against the chief and wanted to ask the commissioners to listen to the firefighters.

Commissioner Heim called an executive session pursuant RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) To review the performance of a public employee to commence on separate Zoom channel for 30min at 8:00pm, was extended at 8:30pm for 30min, was extended at 9:00pm for 30min, was extended at 9:30pm for 60min and concluded without extension at 10:23pm with no action taken. The regular Commission Meeting was called back to order and adjourned at 10:25pm.

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 10th day of November, 2020.

Roger Heim, Board of Commissioner Chair

Stephanie Robbins, Secretary

Chief's Report

November 10, 2020

Operations Report:

- Number of calls to end of October 2020: 364
- Compared to end of October 2019: 409
- Members: 33 active members.

Ongoing business:

- Long range plan: Work suspended for now.
- Budget 2021: Completed review with officers and commissioners.
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Stations:

Station 1: No recent issues.

Ongoing: Evaluation of the roof, parking lot and interior – work is pending budget approval and evaluation of priority.

Station 2: No recent issues.

Ongoing: Possible security upgrades, parking lot refinishing and exterior lighting.

Chief:

- COVID-19: No changes.
- FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) application turned down for extrication tools.
- FEMA AFG grant for a new engine/tender Turned down.
- FEMA Public Assistance grant: Application submitted. Asking for reimbursement for equipment purchased for COVID response. Total amount is \$5392.00. If approved the reimbursed amount is 75%.
- SCBA annual testing completed. .

Apparatus:

- 316 is back in service.

Training:

- Officer training started, Oct 28th.

Wildland:

- Working on paperwork for California fire deployment.

Personnel:

- One new member, currently going through the medical evaluation and related paperwork.
- We have one other interested applicant, who is in their initial phases.
- We have had three inquiries for interest, but those have been persons out of the area, or who didn't respond back after their initial inquiry.
- Two members resigned.