

**Skagit County Fire Protection District No. 3  
Meeting of the Board of Commissioners Meeting  
December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners meeting for Skagit County Fire Protection District #3 was called to order at 7:05pm on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021, with the following in attendance:

**SCFD3 BOARD**

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

**SCFD3 MEMBERS**

Jeff Locken, Asst. Chief    Jake Pederson, Capt.  
Kyle Frydenlund, Capt.    Micheal Stapel, Lt  
Elly Pederson, FF            Brandt Walde, FF

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Chad DeVlieger      Dave Towne    Ed Kemper    Betty Ullom    Dave Walde

Correspondence- None

Board for Volunteer Firefighters- None

Commissioner Boon motioned to accept the November minutes; Commissioner Heim seconded; motion carried.

Commissioner Boon motioned to accept financial report, bank statements, treasurers report and county report, Commissioner Heim seconded; motion carried.

Commissioner Heim motioned to approve accounts payable for December in the amount of \$19,145.95 monthly payroll in the amount of \$1983.47 pending commissioner's final signatures, Commissioner Boon seconded; the motion carried.

**Chief's Reports**

Jeff Locken reported that the recruit academy and Firefighter IFSAC testing are complete thanks to all who helped make it happen. The repairs to the Hover craft are complete and it is awaiting a test run before going back into service. Engine 321 was honored with giving Santa a ride in the in the Mount Vernon Christmas parade.

**Old Business-**

*District Chief recruitment-* Commissioner Heim moved to hire Chad DeVlieger as the new district Fire Chief pending final agreed upon terms; Commissioner Boon seconded; motion carried. Welcome to Skagit County Fire District #3 Chief Chad DeVlieger.

*Governor's COVID 19 vaccination mandate-* The district received one new accommodation request. Commissioner Stratton motioned to approve the accommodation; Commissioner Boon seconded; motion carried.

**New Business-**

*District 15 Lake McMurray lack of response-* Commissioner Stratton met with the Chief at Lake Mc Murray and explained that District #3 can cover calls in the short term but that their District will need to come up with a long-term solution.

*Levy Lift-* Some discussion concerning the need for a levy rate increase. The District has not had a Levy rate increase since 1986. Skagit County Fire District #3 currently has the second lowest levy rate in Skagit County and one of the highest call volumes. The district would like to establish a Levy lift committee compiled of community members, volunteers the Fire chief & commissioners.

Public Comment- Dave Towne asked what the current number of volunteers is and if anyone in the district has worked on graphing the call volume to see where & when the increase in calls is happening offered his help. He also stated it would be great to get information from other districts who have recently been successful at a levy lift increase.

Commissioner/Chair Matt Stratton adjourned the meeting at 7:47 PM.

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.