



Business Meeting Minutes, April 13, 2022

BVFF Committee: Commissioner Olson, Chief Eric Andrews, Carsen Smith and Karen McPeters (recorder) were present. Charges for Brandon Vargas were approved.

The meeting was called to order at 7:27 pm, with a link posted for public Zoom access. Present were Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs, Vice Commissioner Chair Pat Sample, Commissioners Molly Olson, Doug Rupp and Leigh Christianson. Also present were Chief Eric Andrews, MSA Pete Parrish, Captain Brandon Vargas, Captain Rob Thurston and Secretary Karen McPeters (recorder).

Public Commentary: No public

EXECUTIVE

Joint Commissioners meeting with FD 5 – Chief Andrews sent a letter to Fire District 5 asking for a meeting date and time. No response yet.

Legislature Report - Most of the police reform bill did pass and was signed by the governor. There was also a bill that passed for larger districts to assume the duties of treasurer for the district, but it does not apply to us.

Mobilization – Friday Harbor had a multi alarm fire that resulted in the destruction of several buildings in one square block. Initially the request came in for assistance under the regional mobilization plan but was changed to state mobilization later that day at 1930 hours. We will not be compensated for time before 1930 on Thursday, but will be for time after that through Saturday. All units are back at home departments.

Wood Chipper - As reported last meeting Ernie was successful at obtaining a wood chipper grant from DNR. Chipper was purchased from Work Truck Direct, and was a discounted order of someone else's that had not been picked up, so we were able to buy a higher quality chipper than we originally thought with the funds available.

OPERATIONS

Station 53 - FF Denman is currently researching appliances for the kitchen. The cabinets will be ordered shortly and the flooring will be installed in May or early June.

Volunteers/Residents- All the new hires have started and have received their initial orientation. We have five in our academy with one more in the Everett Community College Fire Academy.

New Radios- We only have one more mobile radio to install and that is on the boat. We will be installing that radio once the boat is back in service.

Drone Program- Chief Walters announced the RFP and we have had several companies respond back to us already. The deadline for submitting a proposal is May 2nd. They will be reviewed in early May.

Boat 54- We had an unfortunate accident about three weeks ago with the boat. The boat hit a rock at night and damaged the hull and unfortunately Capt. Vargas was injured. Capt. Vargas has recovered from his injuries, but the boat sustained major damage to the hull and structural members. The boat is currently down at Three Rivers Marine in Woodinville being evaluated and we should have an estimate on repair costs from them this week. Our deductible is \$1,000.

EMS

Continuous Quality Improvement/Quality Assurance (CQI/QA) All ESO electronic health reports (EHRs) have been assigned to the QA team through March. The EMS division is working with Snohomish County to update the County EMS CQI/QA procedure. This project is still ongoing. Code Stat is caught up and all Cardiac Arrest and Advanced Airways have been annotated.

EMT Training- Nothing to report

Continuing EMS Education- Completed ALS run Review with Dr. Brown. SCEMS OTEP plan finalized and assigned to all the providers

Medic One Foundation Grant- Applied for hemorrhage control trainer for EMS training.

CPR Training- First Quarter 2022 Community First Aid and CPR: 25 students
BLS CPR: 5 students
CPR instructors: 2 instructors
Taught for Gold Bar and Sultan Communities including Sultan SD, and JB concrete.

Personnel- Dakota Fenter new paramedic has completed his SCEMS skills exam and completed his shadow shift with Dr. Brown at PEMC. He will be scheduling his 10 shadow shifts soon. Hope to have him pulling shifts by July.

March ALS coverage 94% (45.5 hours not covered out of 744 total hours)

SUPPORT SERVICES

Burn Facility Development – Lawhead Architects are currently working on a cost estimate for the training project so we can have an idea of what we can do with what we have, and what we will need to borrow. We should have it before the end of the month.

Recruitment – Capt Thurston participated in a networking event at EVCC that brought some additional interest and applications for SVF.

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Academy – We had a member voluntarily drop from the academy but it continues to be supported by both past and present volunteers teaching and Capt Thurston coordinating.

Grants – As well as the 50/50 grant that was awarded last month for wildland equipment, PPE and hose, Capt Coulson and Ops worked on another grant for \$20k through DNR for PPE.

IT – Security cameras will be installed at 53 soon.

Secretary's Report

The Systems Design report and run totals are available for review.

Budget

Currently at 27%.

Minutes: Molly moved to approve the March minutes. With a second from Pat, the motion passed unanimously.

Vouchers: Bill moved to approve vouchers 153 through 164 for \$25,804.10, and 165 through 205 for \$108,998.45. With a second from Pat, the motion passed unanimously.

Payroll: Bill moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$95,732.71. With a second from Doug, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

Doug presented a proposal for wifi extension on the Index-Galena Road. He has been working with consultant Eric Camp on the feasibility of the project to provide coverage for emergency vehicles and wifi 911 calling to campgrounds and recreational areas. The commissioners determined that DEM may be able to pursue this project, and has funding available for rural wifi enhancement. Capt Thurston will have DEM personnel contact Doug.

Action Items

Bill moved to approve Resolution 2022-01 to run an EMS levy lid lift in the August election. With a second from Molly, the motion passed unanimously.

Bill moved to approve Resolution 2022-02 to run an EMS levy lid lift in the November election in the case that the August levy fails. With a second from Molly, the motion passed unanimously.

Next regular meeting May 11, in person with public access on Zoom available.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47.

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