



Pierce County Fire District 13

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Minutes Board of Fire Commissioners August 8, 2023

Commissioner Noll called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call led by **Commissioner Noll** to confirm quorum has been met. Present for the meeting: **Commissioner Zuluaga, Commissioner Malone, Chief Wassall.**

Members of the Public and Staff 3

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes: Motion- A motion was made by **Commissioner Zuluaga** to approve the meeting minutes for July 11, 2023, Regular Meeting.

Seconded Commissioner Noll
Passed (Unanimous)

Minutes: Motion- A motion was made by **Commissioner Malone** to approve the meeting minutes for July 14, 2023, Special Meeting.

Seconded Commissioner Zuluaga
Passed (Unanimous)

Vouchers:

Motion-A motion was made by **Commissioner Zuluaga** to approve vouchers, #18023-18060 in the amount of \$55,824.27 for Monthly Payables.

Second: Commissioner Malone.
Passed (Unanimous)

Motion-A motion was made by **Commissioner Noll** to approve vouchers, #18022 in the amount of \$1,574.46 for Deposits.

Seconded: Commissioner Malone
Passed (Unanimous)

Correspondence:

Michelle Lyon and Tracey Frasier Thank you for participation on the 4th of July parade. They also brought in 22#'s of cookies to the station.

Chief's Report

Calls: 19 total calls, 3 fire calls, 5 EMS calls, 9 Service Calls, 3 for parking, 2 Mutual Aid Calls (medical, boat). A76, had 3 transports.

Staffing and Recruiting: We have 2 new FF/EMT's. Jonathan Burghardt and Alvaro Herrera graduated from the Spring Fire Academy. We have 8 candidates scheduled to start the Fall fire

academy. Summer is winding down and we should start to see better staffing, especially on some of the night shifts. We have been invited to participate in both Pierce College and TCC's job fairs.

Financial Report:

GL Trial Balance cash on hand:	\$405,310.75
Less 08-08-2023 expenses	-\$55,824.27
Deposits (not yet posted)	<u>\$ 0</u>
Remaining cash on hand:	\$349,486.48

Reserves: \$582,501.98

Training: All of Us.

SS911: During the Chief's Meeting last month, there was a discussion about the single radio system that we are not running. Motorola is completing that project and then the group will look at replacing radios. No decisions have been made regarding the new radio except that they will be expensive. No one knows at this point who will buy the radios. The hope for most of the district's is that SS911 will get a grant for the purchase, and we will "rent" the radios and not own them.

Fleet Status: Battalion Chief Rapozo, Commissioner Zuluaga and Captain Fitzgerald have carried the load for getting BR76 up and running. We have weighed BR76 empty and loaded to make sure we are not overweight, we are 5K pounds below our GVW. Once we get the lighting completed, we will have her stickered. I have a call to West Pierce to get our engines in for their annual service and pump testing. Waiting to hear back from Caleb. Captain Fitzgerald had his rig serviced and is good to go.

Good of the Order: We have been dancing around vacations and the "chief" not paying attention and getting sick. Lisa and I are starting to ask about needs for next year's budget. Very beginning stages but we are thinking 2024 already. LT Tapia is completing his ESE to become an EMS evaluator. With a heavy heart, we will be losing Perla Judith Sanchez-Mendoza back to Yakima. She has been through fire academy and EMT school. Her dedication to our department has been exceptional. She will be missed, and we loved having her be part of our department over this last year. Her next fire department I'm sure will love her too.

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None

PIO

Streamline is being updated.

65K Hazmat Grant from the Puyallup Tribe. Will be awarded this afternoon.

Captain Fitzgerald will be going to the Strategic Hazmat Operations Workshop in LA.

Commissioner(s) Report:

Commissioner Malone:

Gate is currently broken at the BPIC. Scheduled to be fixed.
Mona's fence has been broken. Do not know who did the damage.

Commissioner Noll:

Minor changes in pension rates.
All Pierce County fire districts are passing their lid lifts from the August 1st primary.
City of Seattle has had equipment theft from fire engines either in the bay or during an incident. Other districts are being impacted also.
Father Kendall has left St Matthews as of July 31, 2023. Some uncertainty about how St Matthew will continue in its current structure.
Chief Annual review is due in October. Self-review form provided in September.

Commissioner Zuluaga:

Pink Salmon are running.
WA Dept of Fish and Wildlife: Salmon fishing is open daily Aug. 9-31 from the shoreline only to target pinks and coho salmon returning to South Puget Sound. Angling from a floating device, other than a dock or pier that is attached to shore, is prohibited. The daily limit is two salmon, with no minimum size. Anglers must release all Chinook and chum.
Atta boys to all who helped get BR76 ready for deployment.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Town Center Status:
Pierce County decided that no SEPA Study is necessary for the Town Center Project. There continues to be no signs of a project starting.

2. Engine Acquisition Status:
We asked Rosenbauer for a new quote. No response yet.
Quotes for HME and Pierce are fairly complete.
AC Adams has prepared an Excel sheet to compare and rank the top three choices.
Brian Snure provided information on how using Sourcewell and following several steps will satisfy state audit purchase requirements.

3. Dash Point Concrete:
 - a. Poor sub grade preparation has caused cracking issues
 - b. Need prime contractor to oversee the project
 - c. Need testing company to ensure 95% compaction
 - d. No rebar necessary if sub grade is done right
 - e. 6" thickness should be sufficient
 - f. Need measurement for compressive strength
 - g. Saw cutting will be important, 1/3 of thickness (2")
 - h. Asked Brian Anderson for thoughts, he could be sub contractor

4. Technology update:
Noel continues to make updates to our Streamline website
Current issues with Domain names will be resolved in the future.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Disposition of Sea Do trailer selling for \$10.00.

Per our Disposition of Surplus Property Policy..... The Fire Chief may determine how to dispose of surplus personal property valued at less than \$5,000. The Fire Chief will maintain a record of all surplus personal property disposed of under this section

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board will be going into executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.

The executive session will be for 15 minutes until 10:45.

Public COMMENTS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next regular meeting will be Tues., September 12, 2023, at 9:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 11.37 am.

Approved By:

Chairman Noll

Commissioner Malone

Commissioner Zuluaga

Fire Chief/District Secretary