



## Pierce County Fire District 13

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### Minutes

Board of Fire Commissioners February 9, 2021

**Commissioner Noll** called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call led by **Commissioner Noll (by Zoom)** to confirm quorum has been met. Present for the meeting: **Commissioners Malone (by Zoom) and Commissioner Zuluaga (by Zoom); and Chief Wassall (by Zoom): Captain Les Sandstrom (by Zoom)**

Members of the Public and Staff: 2

#### CONSENT AGENDA:

**Minutes: Motion-** A motion was made by **Commissioner Malone** to approve the meeting minutes of January 12, 2021 Regular Meeting.

**Seconded Commissioner Zuluaga**  
**Passed (Unanimous)**

#### Vouchers:

**Motion-**A motion was made by **Commissioner Zuluaga** to approve vouchers #16311-16345 for \$33,992.36 for monthly payables.

**Seconded: Commissioner Malone.**  
**Passed (Unanimous)**

**Motion-**A motion was made by **Commissioner Zuluaga** to approve voucher #16346 in the amount of (\$3,417.50) for voided warrant #11573839.

**Seconded: Commissioner Malone.**  
**Passed (Unanimous)**

#### Correspondence:

Thank you from Marie and Kathy Monahan

Thank you from Roger Hurlbut

Happy Holidays from Jay Hentschell

#### SPECIAL REPORTS AND/OR STANDING COMMITTEES:

##### **Chiefs Report:**

**Calls:** 22 total calls, 3 Fire Calls, 7 EMS, 11 Service Call and 1 call for Mutual Aid.

**Staffing and Recruiting:** Staffing has gotten much better now that the holidays are over. So much so that I was able to take a 5-day staycation. I only responded to 1 call and that was on

Sunday night. We are planning on beginning Fire Academy (CVA20-01) March 1, 2021. We have 8 and possibly a 9th recruit. South Pierce and Ruston will join us, we might have 25 total for the class. We are interviewing others for EMT slots.

**Financial Report:**

GL Trial Balance cash on hand:	\$152,618.65
Less 02-09-2021 expenses	-30,574.86
Deposits (not yet posted)	<u>0.00</u>
Remaining cash on hand:	\$122,043.79

Reserves: \$257,164.42

**Training:** We continue to hold our Tuesday drill night training on-line and will at least until the end of February. Again, we will be keeping an eye on the infection rate in Pierce County to see if we can begin in person drills in March. The Officers are continuing to train with the crews to keep up on skills.

**SS911:** Monday morning we had a Teams meeting with SS911 and the Stakeholders about a new software program. SS911 will be using when the new dispatch center opens in April/May this year. It's designed to get dispatched sooner and have more information available for those using the Mobile Data Terminals (MDT's) on their apparatus.

**Fleet Status:** We are looking for a window to get both Engine 77 and 76 to West Pierce for their annual maintenance. R77 and A76 have had their oil changed. I will see if we can get Marine77 in for an oil change. C77, B77 and U76 will get theirs when it's practical to do so. We have had the opportunity to drive a couple of demo engines. They both had their pluses and minuses. When we get closer, we will have a list of what we need and one or two wish we could have.

**MSO Report:** We have been monitoring the vaccine roll out, it seems that Pierce County is starting to get comfortable with the size and scope this requires. The biggest hurdle has been the availability of vaccine and who and where it will be administered. If there is a wide-open area available, that seems to work the best. In door vaccine areas have the most restrictions and very limited parking.

Now on to the good stuff, LT Keri Dawson was approached about becoming the next department MSO. After many hours of explaining expectations and asking about how she saw the position, she has agreed and accepted the position. She will start April 1<sup>st</sup>. We are excited for her and know she will do great things for our department.

**Good of the Order:** We were having problems with our new water heater installed last year on and off. When we have had heavy winds, it would blow out the pilot light. When I was unable to re-light the pilot last Sunday, I called the plumber and asked if they could come out and see why. Turns out, the water heater installed last year was for natural gas and not propane. So, the plumber is replacing the wrong heater for the correct heater. The good news in all of this, the water leak I thought was coming from the roof was coming from a loose pipe to the expansion tank. We no longer should have a water issue.

We have the service person coming this week to do the annual on our extrication equipment. We have had 2 training days at Schnitzer Steel, and we plan to have more soon. We had a busy January, with all the tree damage, we are happy to report that no homes were directly affected but a fence or 2 and a lot of power lines were.

## **Commissioner(s) Report:**

### **Commissioner Zuluaga:**

Thank you to Captain Sandstrom and Scott Watkins for helping our neighbor on Poe.

### **Commissioner Malone:**

BPIC Board is in discussion on opening the BPIC for rentals.

Barges are gone from tideland area.

### **Commissioner Noll:**

Requested that our Modified Capital Facilities Plan be included on our website and also writing a news article discussing our facility remodel plans.

#### ***PC Fire Commissioner Meeting Jan 28th:***

Speaker from Center for Public Excellence, CPSE.org (training, certifications,\$\$\$)

Chelan Conference, June ???, State Conference at Tulalip in October.

Eric Quinn, working with a FD client and State Attorney General on responding to calls on tribal property.

Debbie Grady, SS911, only 40% of 911 staff willing to take vaccine, where 85% of managers are willing to take it.

Next meeting Feb 25th, speaker will talk on suicide prevention.

Snure webinar on Feb 26th, 9am-noon via Zoom discussion on Bid Laws, Procurement, Public Works.

### ***Public Information Report-Presented by PIO Scott Watkins***

137 new people visits.

25 new views on Facebook.

Pierce County has updated PIO information on their website.

Adding address signs to website under additional resources.

**Commissioner Zuluaga** suggested listing website on billboard.

**Commissioner Malone** suggested contacting Life at the Points Magazine to add PCFD#13 Website information.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### 1. BP Station 77 Remodel:

Approach Jon Graves for a remodel proposal.

Approach Wendy Fitzgerald for his ideas on layout changes.

### 2. Engine Replacement Thoughts:

Chief Wassall has road tested two engines.

### 3. Town Center Project Status:

New drawings for the retail spaces.

Current stakeholders like the new drawings.

Permits are in for the Senior Center. Could be two months for approval.

Chief Wassall has requested updated plans from the developer.

Contact Sitkin to get mitigation agreement signed.

We need to be formulating a Response Plan for Senior Center.

### 4. District Provided Vaccinations:

Zero updates

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Legislative/Regulatory Updates:

SHB would add \$125M to fight wildland fires, (2 more planes, more staff, helicopter upgrades.

SHB 1059 would ban fireworks in 90 days, not 1 year later.

HB1189 & SSB5211, Tax Increment Financing, legal involved to ensure Fire District revenue not impacted.

HB1180 would allow public testimony at every meeting and provide for written testimony in advance of the meeting.

HB1448 volunteer stipends are affecting their unemployment benefits.

HB1479 sales tax exemption to purchase fire engine with new fuel and emission technology (to reduce emissions and decrease fuel consumption).

HB1329 would require local government to provide the video and/or audio recording of all meetings online.

Firehouse Lawyer – January 2021 Edition, Volume 19 Number 1 RCW 52.30.020 states.... all state agencies and municipal corporations “shall contract” with a fire district within the boundaries of which they own buildings and equipment.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: None**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The next regular meeting will be Tues., March 9, 2021 at 9:00 AM.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 11:17 am.

Approved By:

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Chairman Noll

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Commissioner Malone

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Commissioner Zuluaga

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Fire Chief/District Secretary