October 11, 2023 *Prescott, WA*

MINUTES OF MEETING

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Walla Walla North County Fire District Commissioner’s meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by commissioner Kevin Chabre.

**PRESENT:**

Commissioners Steve Hoffmann(D3) via Phone, Kevin Chabre (D3), Preston Brock (D1), Dave Brock (D1), Brent Tompkins (D1), Bob Beckman(D7), Eric Cochran (D7), Pat Nettleton (D7) and Secretary Sara Winona(D3/D7), Kathy Brock (D1)

\*Quorum met

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

* NW Equipment by Dave Brock
* Fire Trucks in Fields by Steve Hoffmann

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

* Minutes of Previous meeting provided and reviewed. Eric moved to accept as is and Pat seconded.

**CHIEFS REPORT:**

* All things going well. Volunteer numbers are still decreasing. Only 1-2 people are at medical calls and can be difficult. Have some interest from a lady in town, hopefully she will be a good asset.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

* Hospital District: Committee will report in November.
* WA Fire Commissioners Handbook review: tabled.
* SOP Review: tabled.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* NW Equip: Dave has had difficulty in working with the new company, NW Equipment. E3147 has bad driveline vibration, and they are claiming the engine is bad. Discussion on quality of service and customer service at this shop was not adequate. There is suspicion that it is a computer issue. Dave is dealing with the service manager and pushing to dispute the bill they have presenting with very little work. Commissioners agreed that Dave continue to work and reduce or eliminate the bill as much as possible.
* Policy Questions: Steve proposed to the board to consider a policy for the district on trucks in harvest fields during summer. Having trucks in harvest is an excellent resource and timesaver but he proposed that volunteer/or person from farm crew needs to respond to all in-district fires or communicate with Chief. He didn’t like to see fire trucks out in the field, and no one respond with that truck. Trucks could be relocated to areas where someone else could respond with it. Otherwise, it appears to the public that volunteers are holding trucks only to protect their own fields. Kevin was upset by the policy proposal and didn’t believe it was an appropriate item for North County Fire District. There was some discussion about vehicles all being located on one side of district during fire, but also not a time issue because people are already in trucks and fast to send them to second fire if that arises. Kevin stated he had already moved his truck prior to this meeting. Consensus was to call in to Chief if you have a truck on your property. No formal decision made. Steve sent a follow up letter after the meeting, see attached.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS AND BUSINESS:**

* None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

* There being no further business or comments Dave moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 AM, Eric seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Winona, Secretary

Steve Hoffmann, Chairman