

ROYAL SLOPE FIRE-RESCUE-EMS

Grant County Fire District 10

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The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Grant County Fire District No. 10 was called to order by Chairman Tim Freeman at 12:00 P.M. on January 9th, 2024.

Commissioners Present: Tim Freeman, Dwight Vander Vorste, Robert Weber, Bonnie Valentine, and Gary Christensen.

Others present: Chief Eric Linn, AC Neil Vargas, BC Wright, District Secretary Angie Argo, Capt. Dan Argo, and Mike Moore.

Also, present were Stephanie Anglin and Juan Barragan from the State Auditors office via Zoom

The board met with the representatives from the State Auditors office for the 2020-2021-2022 Adult Entrance Conference and reviewed the audit plan.

The agenda was approved as presented.

A motion was made to cast a unanimous ballot to retain the 2023 board officers for 2024.
Chairman Tim Freeman and Vice Chairman Dwight Vander Vorste Motion approved unanimously.
(M/Christensen)

Consent Agenda – A Motion was made to approve the consent agenda. Motion approved unanimously. (M/Christensen.)

- December Payroll & November Payroll (*corrected*)
- December 12th Regular Meeting Minutes
- December 31st and January expense claims.

Claims audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080 and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.240.090 have been recorded in a listing, which has been made available to the Board of Commissioners. As of this date: **January 9th, 2024**, the Board of Commissioners by unanimous vote does hereby approve for payment those claims further described by claim numbers included in the listing described as follows:

2023 Fire Claims numbered 231203001-231203018 in the total amount of \$46,115.17

2023 EMS Claims 231204001-231204006 in the total amount of \$4,919.78

2024 Fire Claims 240101001-240101014 in the total amount of \$12,995.98

2024 EMS Claims 240102001-240102005 in the total amount of \$8,136.37

Public Comment-None

Financial Reports

1. The December Grant County treasurers' reports have not been received as of today. They will be forwarded when received and reconciled.
2. Internal Audit Reports:
 - Comm Vander Vorste - No exceptions to the previous month's claims.
 - Comm Freeman -Reported no exceptions to the previous month's payroll.
 - Comm Christensen – Reported no exceptions to the current month's claims.
 - Comm Weber-Reported no exceptions to the previous month's ambulance billings.
 - Comm Valentine - Reported no exceptions to the previous month's deposits.

Staff Reports

1. Secretary's Report – IRS mileage reimbursement rate is .67 cents per mile, the 4th Q Compensated Absence report was distributed and reviewed. Room and registrations are finalized for the Legislative Day on January 23.
2. Reports from Chief Linn, Asst Chief. Vargas, Battalion Chief Sandstrom and Battalion Chief Wright were read and are attached to the original minutes.
Additional items discussed:
 - a. Chief Linn would like a planning workshop with the board later this month or early next month.
 - b. AC Vargas asked the board for input regarding dedicating Station 10-1 HQ Training Room to the late Captain Lynn Lindsey. The board fully supported this plan.

Unfinished Business

1. Property acquisition for St 11-3 –Nothing new to report.

New Business

1. Appoint Internal Auditing Duties
Chairman Freeman delegated the internal auditor positions to remain the same due to time constraints and familiarity with the position. They are as follows:
 - Tim Freeman -Payroll
 - Gary Christensen-Current Months Claims
 - Robert Weber - Ambulance reports
 - Dwight Vander Vorste – Past months claims
 - Bonnie Valentine - Deposits
 - Chairman Freeman appointed Commissioner Bonnie Valentine to serve on the Volunteer Local Trustee Board for the year 2024.
2. 2024 Salaries – A motion was made to authorize the 2024 salaries as budgeted for paid personnel. Motion approved unanimously. (M/Vander Vorste) Annual salaries are as follows:

Chief	\$ 140,556.47
Asst Chief/Operations	\$ 103,125.76
Bat Chief/Training	\$ 79,063.43
Bat Chief/Fleet	\$ 79,063.43
Lt FF	\$ 59,857.98
EMT/Amb (2 positions)	\$ 45,319.20 (each)
District Secretary	\$ 56,857.98

3. A motion was made to authorize Chairman Freeman to sign and enter into the EMS Enhanced Agreement with Grant County Hospital District 7 for the year 2024. Motion approved unanimously. (M/Christensen)

Commissioner Reports/Announcements

1. Dwight Vander Vorste-reported on updating the web page.
2. Robert Weber- Reported on the hospital district and port district meetings he attended and that he would be absent from the March meeting.
3. Bonnie Valentine-Reported that the ladder truck/port water system test was successful with things learned and to improve.

4. Gary Christensen-Reported that he would be out of the area the rest of the month.
5. Tim Freeman- No report.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angie Argo,
District Board Secretary

BY: _____
Dwight Vander Vorste, Commissioner
Grant Fire 10

BY: _____
Gary Christensen, Commissioner
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BY: _____
Robert D. Weber, Commissioner
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Tim Freeman, Chairman
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Bonnie Valentine, Commissioner
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