

**WEST BENTON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY  
TUESDAY JULY 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
WBRFA HEADQUARTERS STATION 310**

**CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE**

Chairman Clizbe called the July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, West Benton Regional Fire Authority regular meeting to order at 6:00pm and led participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Commissioners Richard Clizbe, David Moon, Shane Williams, and Dewey Holliday

**Others in attendance:** Fire Chief Seth Johnson, and Administrator Gayle Carrasco.

**ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE**

Lisa Galbraith stated the Oath of Office for the Commissioner Position 4, via Zoom.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No Public Comment

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the consent agenda for July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Commissioner Moon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**PRESENTATION**

Chairman Clizbe presented Randy Fox with a plaque for 16 years of service. Appreciation for his dedication was recognized by the WBRFA Board, Fire Chief S. Johnson, and the public in the audience. Jessica Trevino was present and acknowledged for her years of employment.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1.) EQUIPMENT PURCHASES**

- Fire Chief S. Johnson reported the status for the new fire truck chassis. The difficulty with this is obtaining the chassis and getting these to the builders. The Fire Chief stated the payment had been made to Local Program this month. This payment made gave the department approximately \$10,000 in savings. Looking forward in paying the December payment, the payment procedure will not be the same due to cash flow. The reimbursements will be required to cover the amount of the payment.
- The equipment acquisition is still arriving. 2 new DeWalt chainsaws have arrived. These have been tested and the noise displaced was considerably less during the testing as well as being slightly lighter and in the usual DeWalt color of yellow. Blade sharpening and adjusting were also described to the board by Fire Chief Johnson.

**2.) EMS**

- S. Williams stated there was a meeting held on the previous Friday. Not all were in attendance and future meetings were being discussed. Chief Johnson reported that both sides will need to provide more information.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1.) CORRESPONDENCES**

- Chairman stated there will be a Tri County Commissioner meeting coming up possibly this August and he will check to verify this.

- Chief Johnson reported Covid Grant refunding is being processed by Gayle. The total amount applied for was approximately \$45,000 and the amount that will be approved for refunding is around \$6,900. A DNR round table was rescheduled in Chelan for this evening and conflicted with the commissioner meeting. The Chief stated he does have people attending this meeting and will report back to him. Installation of several new positions through state funding. 6 new hand crews, potential for new dozers throughout the state. This is a tentative plan currently. DCSO command staff and operation changes will be discussed at a meeting tomorrow and the department will be trained on new policies. Chief Johnson reported that he had a meeting with the Prosser City Manager Glover with the results for the City of Prosser not having fires due to fireworks on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. A productive discussion with combined efforts was the focus for next, with suggestions of larger fines for violating firework regulations and prepping with law enforcement prior. Chief Johnson informed the board he will be presenting his Fire Departments Bi-Annual report to the City Council and the Fire Chief invited any board member. The subject of the Prosser Butcher Shop fire was briefly discussed. Chairman Clizbe stated he believed the call for resources had been executed appropriate. S. Williams informed he would be interested to attend the city council meeting as he is one of the representatives for the department to the city.

## **2.) OFFICIAL BOARD SIGNATURES**

- The board then signed past approved voucher payments. The voucher documents were not ink signed due to the Covid restrictions and the board was not able to hold their regular meetings in person. Randy Fox thanks the board and he exited the meeting.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- R. Clizbe asked the board if there was a need to break into Executive Session. The board agreed to break from the regular meeting at 6:43 p.m. to hold an executive session for 10 minutes. The board ended their Executive Session and resumed their regular board meeting at 6:59pm. No action taken.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- Chairman Clizbe mentions he is happy to return to in person meetings.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chairman Richard Clizbe adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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RICHARD CLIZBE, CHAIRMAN

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GAYLE CARRASCO, ADMINISTRATOR

