



## SOUTH BOUNDARY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting  
Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Attendees:

_____ X _____	Chairperson – Wayne Cavender
_____ X _____	Commissioner – Chad Kimball
_____ X _____	Commissioner- Bruce Whittaker
_____ X _____	Fire Chief – Allen Merritt
_____ X _____	Treasurer- Debbie Youngwirth
_____ X _____	Secretary – Stacy Merritt
_____ X _____	Fire Fighter-Jim Magee
_____ X _____	Fire Fighter- Dave Devereaux

### Also present-

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Kimball, Commissioner Cavender second at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Kimball moved to approve the meeting minutes from January 11th Commissioner Cavender to second. Motion passed unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report.

Attached. Discussed.

Commissioner Kimball moved to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of January Commissioner Cavender second. Motion passed unanimously.

### Chief's Report-

Attached/discussed

### Old Business-

Commissioner Kimball asked if we are still working on the blue tender.

Chief Merritt stated that the fuel tank was repaired, put back together and needed some fuel.

Assistant Chief Wilkerson is still working on the lights and pump, it needs to be painted. Still trying to get quoted for that. Paint might be a better option, rather than a wrap, at least for the tank. Because it is huge and sticks out and it will get scratched easy. Paint is more durable than plastic.

Commissioner Kimball asked what was done last time.

Chief Merritt said that 651 was the last one to be done, \$1500 just for cab. If you are going to paint the tank, you might as well paint the whole thing all at once. Need to get some prices and try to keep it local.

Commissioner Kimball said the problem is it is hard to find someone to do it. There used to be people that were young and ambitious that wanted to paint.

Commissioner Whittaker asked what are we painting?

Chief Merritt said the big blue tender. I am going to call North Idaho collision.

Commissioner Kimball stated that last time Allen suggested selling some diesel pumps to generate some income. They have been sitting around forever. Our obligation to hold on to them has expired.

#### New Business-

Commissioner Kimball stated, we are going to be swearing in Bruce Whittaker as the new Commissioner for sub-district 3

Commissioner Whittaker won by a unanimous vote.

At some point we must go to get new signature card for everyone to sign and get Jaycene Swisher removed.

Commissioner Kimball swears in Bruce Whittaker.

Bruce Whittaker swears in and signs the paperwork.

Commissioner Kimball states that it can be filed in his employee file next to demerits. We have been talking about making some changes to the SOP.

Chief Merritt would like to change the requirements to stay current in the department. Currently it says you must make 30% of calls, which is almost impossible if you don't go on medical calls. If you refer to my chief's report, out of those 15 calls, 10 were medical. Which would make just about everyone not current. It used to not be on there, I would like to remove it again. He would like it to be half of the training, or you could have most of the dept not current.

Commissioner Kimball asked if that is going to make hard feelings. He remembers once there was a conversation about one guy making the training and pizza night. Then, doesn't show up in the middle of the night.

Chief Merritt doesn't think the current staff will mind it; some previous firefighters may have protested more.

Commissioner Kimball asked, what if we say you have to respond to 30% of fire calls.

Fire Fighter Devereaux stated that if you didn't remove the medical thing there is only like five people who respond to medical that would stay current.

Commissioner Kimball stated the last month we had three motor vehicle accidents, one fire alarm and one hazard. If you were busy and couldn't make two of them, you wouldn't be current.

Chief Merritt stated that if you were busy or at work during the day you wouldn't be able to make enough calls to be current.

Commissioner Kimball asked what do other people do?

Fire Fighter Devereaux asked what if you know that people were able to come, but chose not to. Were you at work?

Chief Merritt asked where do you draw the line though? It is a volunteer thing.

Fire Fighter Devereaux stated that if you have the ability to make it though.

Chief Merritt stated that is hard to prove why they couldn't make it.

Commissioner Kimball said, if you don't go to trainings, which has been the problem, the last few years. If you are uncomfortable with the group, you may miss trainings, whereas you might still go on a call.

Chief Merritt stated if you can't make it to two trainings a month then you shouldn't be current. Everyone wants to go on a fire call, if they have the ability to go, most will go on a fire or vehicle accident. Unless it is the middle of the day or at 4:30 in the morning. We have a decent turnout. Like when I was working at my old job, I couldn't make the early calls, because I had to be at work early in the morning.

Fire Fighter Magee asked if you could word it where say and/or training or medical calls?

Chief Merritt stated that then they get to choose fire calls or motor vehicle accidents. If you put the "or" in there it changes it to where they will do whatever they want.

Fire Fighter Devereaux stated that if you are putting the time in for the training, that is going to inspire them to go on calls. If you show up to the training, you are part of the team. Which are not always fun, but it creates comradery.

Chief Merritt said if you're not current you can't respond to a call, that being said, 14 out of 19 couldn't respond. So, 2/3 wouldn't be able to go. 50% of calls 30% of all incident

Commissioner Whittaker asked if it is a state requirement to have medical training to respond to calls. Just because you don't have medical shouldn't mean they can't go on fire calls.

Chief Merritt, if you go through all the channels we require personnel to be cpr certified to respond to medical calls. To keep people current we should change it back to how it used to be.

Commissioner Whittaker asked what do you have to do to be current? How much time does it take to be current.

Chief Merritt stated that is something he would like to like to talk about also. You have to get with the chief and the chief decides what you have to do to become current again.

Commissioner Kimball asked to be current to go on fire calls?

Commissioner Whittaker stated for medical calls.

Fire Fighter Devereaux clarified that you can do a lift assist without it but you are very limited.

Chief Merritt stated that you had to have a background check before you go can go on medical calls Only 5 that are cleared for medical calls.

Commissioner Whittaker asked if they were talking about making a change to the SOP?

Chief Merritt stated the training will remain the same, just 30 percent of calls will be removed.

Commissioner Kimball moves to adjust the Sop to remove the 30% of calls requirement.

Commissioner Cavender seconds that

Chief Merritt wants to modify the SOP and would like to add reapplication may be required. Then if they are gone too long, you have to reapply. At that point, once you reapply you can be terminated at any time within the first year for reasons that may affect the well being of the district or department if the chief and company officers so choose.

Fire Fighter Devereaux asked about some type of equipment return policy?

Chief Merritt said we are working on that as well.

Commissioner Kimball moves to adopt new lines on SOP.

Commissioner Cavender Seconds it.

Chief Merritt, that is all I have for now.

Commissioner Kimball asked, what about the light bars?

Chief Merritt stated that 663 doesn't have a light bar, 652 has one from 1980s and we would like all of ours to look the same. They are not cheap, they are about \$800 a piece, and we need two of them. We could put it in the line item for apparatus.

Commissioner Kimball moves to buy new light bars.

Commissioner Cavender seconds

Commissioner Kimball 6:29 p.m. call to adjourn.

Commissioner Cavender seconds

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.