

CLALLAM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 6

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Monthly Commissioner Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2024

Meeting convened on June 10, 2024, at 13:30, at Three Rivers Fire Hall, by Commissioner Chip Keen.

Commissioners Present – Chip Keen; Tom Rosmond; and Scott Horton

Officers Present – Aleilah P Lawson, District Secretary; Scott Swagerty, Chief; Lt. Andrew Chapman

Other Attendees – None

Changes/Additions to Agenda – None

Minutes – Minutes of the May 13, 2024, meeting were read, approved, and signed by the commissioners.

Secretary's Report

1. **Cost Recovery.** Aleilah reported that monitoring of claims submitted for cost-recovery payments is ongoing.
2. **2023 AFG Application.** According to the FEMA AFG website, the first round of awards will begin in Summer 2024.

Financial Report

1. **Financial Statement.** The May 2024 financial statement was reviewed and approved by all three commissioners.
2. 22 warrants totaling \$15,022.50 were requested on the Claims Payment Request form dated 06/10/2024 as follows:
 - \$6,634.66 for firefighter gear and fire hall supplies (3 warrants);
 - \$372.86 for fuel;
 - \$1,635 for organizational support, cost-recovery billing fee; and annual PO box fee (3 warrants);
 - \$410.00 for dispatch services;
 - \$1,759.88 for Solar + Storage Grant Community Outreach activities, partial order of Class B uniforms and emergency preparation guides for community distribution (5 warrants);
 - \$3,921.71 for Solar + Storage Grant Community Outreach – Website activities (5 warrants);
 - \$224.64 for utilities (two warrants); and
 - \$47.16 for automotive supplies;
 - \$16.28 for monthly fee.

Commissioner Rosmond moved to approve the request. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion was approved and the Claims Payment Request was signed.

3. Chief Swagerty's timesheet covering the period of 05/12/2024 through 06/09/2024 was approved and signed by Lead Commissioner Keen. A Payroll Certification was approved and signed by the commissioners for submission to the county for processing.

Chief's Report

1. **Incidents/Calls.** Chief Swagerty reported one motor vehicle accident involving one fatality. Commissioner Keen noted that counseling for involved firefighter responders is available through the district's insurance coverage.
2. **Training.** Chief reported recent training in vertical ventilation and forceable entry strategies. Live fire training will be scheduled soon.
3. **Equipment/Mechanic.** The annual pump test is on hold due to vendor in-house difficulties
4. **Other.** Class B uniforms have been ordered. The first batch is enroute. The second batch is on back order.

Commissioner's Report – Commissioner Keen

1. Radio Communications

5/10 – Met with Ed Bowen at 3 Rivers to install a temporary ADS-B (Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast) receiver as a proof-of-concept for tracking air traffic in the West End, specifically at UIL and the Forks airport. The receiver enables us to provide real-time precision and situational awareness for aviation in the area via an internet uplink to <https://globe.adsbexchange.com/>. The receiver worked surprisingly well. Next, we hope to get the equipment for permanent installation from the Washington Department of Transportation and start collecting airport usage data for both airports.

5/16 – Zoom meeting with Mickey Cassar and Ed Bowen to discuss radio tower requirements for Signal Hill and UIL. Both venues are important for PNSN, UIL is more important to CCFD6. Mickey calculates that the maximum allowable height per FAA regulations for the concrete pad across from the hangar building is 140 feet. PNSN preferred band is 900MHz (33cm) using directional antennas. The wind load for one of their antenna types is greater than CCEM 2-meter or HF, but less than the 3-foot dishes they use in other portions of their network. Their antennas wouldn't have to be mounted very high on the tower to give them the coverage they need. Mickey will be activating 10 sensor sites at UIL the second week in July. They will be tied to a central hub that will likely connect to ONRC and Wreck Station as part of a dynamic network. Ideally, the central hub would be

on a tower at UIL and telemeter from there to an antenna on Signal Hill. A Rohn 65G tower would be a good fit for both locations. I gave Mickey Jay Perry-Cook's contact information and he gave me contact info for Day Wireless (Day Wireless, Josh Ereth, 206-391-0110, jereth@daywireless.com) who have installed Rohn 55g unsupported towers with grounding and connection to their buildings for \$25,000 each. Mickey generated several maps to show the coverage within District 6 by UIL towers of different heights. It looked like a 30-meter tower gives good coverage of the most inhabited regions of the Quillayute River Valley.

2. Emergency Preparedness – West End Area Meeting

5/30 – Anne Chastain's last day at work less one. Jeremy Jacobs – Local Emergency Preparation Committee lead, will be contacting all local agencies to survey their hazmat response resources and training. He's just been hired, so he expects it will be a couple of months before he rolls out the project.

Jennifer Garcelon – a Household Hazardous Waste Event for the West End will be scheduled for this summer or fall.

Other Clallam County Emergency Management News

5/28 – Meeting #3 of the Clallam County Hazard Mitigation and Climate Resilience Steering Committee to “identify key climate risks, relevant agencies and partners that these changes will affect, and prioritize these risks to inform climate policies and hazard mitigation options.” Meeting #4 is scheduled for June 26th from 1:00 to 4:00.

6/9 – Ed Bowen is running a DART exercise to practice ground-to-air communications and better delineate ADS-B coverage. CCARES member Steve Singhose will be stationed at the Quillayute Airport for the exercise.

3. Solar + Storage Project

www.QA4CR.org is up and running, but still incomplete. It has the ProtoGen study and data available for download, several articles about the airport, and the PowerPoint presentation I gave to the Forks Chamber of Commerce, but it still needs the History articles to be written and to have a webform created to capture people's responses to questions that need to be finalized.

Community Outreach door-to-door activities is the last step to complete the grant. The completion date has been extended to September 30, 2024. Emergency preparation guides have been ordered for handout to residents. Due to the plethora of summer activities in the area, door-to-door activities will likely occur in early September.

Other Reports – None

Old Business

1. **RAC Update.** Commissioner Horton gave the following report on two recent RAC meetings:

RAC special meeting 5/13/24 was called to respond to the City of Port Angeles' request for "Trust Land Transfer" (TLT) of 3,082 acres of DNR managed land in the Elwha watershed to the city. Approximately $\frac{2}{3}$ of those lands, 1,877 acres, are "on base" meaning they are available for timber harvest to support their various beneficiaries. The city opposes logging of these lands, their stated rationale is that logging will impact the city's water supply.

The Trust Land Transfer process is well-defined in statute, in short, it is used for "non-productive" trust lands that can serve a better purpose for conservation, city parks, and the like. This proposal does not meet the statutory criteria but the Port Angeles representatives (the water manager and a city councilwoman) described their TLT application as a last-ditch effort to stop DNR timber sales in that area because their other efforts were unsuccessful. When questioned, they could not answer why they thought TLT would help with the water supply other than simplistic, incorrect descriptions of "ugly DNR clearcuts".

Several representatives of the potentially impacted junior taxing districts expressed outrage over the TLT proposal but the tone of the meeting was generally respectful. I thought the RAC Chair, Connie Beauvais, County Commissioner Randy Johnson, and several other JTD representatives were exemplary in representing their thoughts on the matter.

DNR made a helpful presentation on the TLT process and their forest management practices, particularly as they relate to "sustainability". In my view, and I believe that of most RAC members, this presentation illustrated the futility of Port Angeles' TLT application. Another part of this presentation described how the timber excise tax works. It is not specific to harvests within JTDs, rather it is collected for all harvests in the county and is distributed proportionately to the county and JTDs.

The special meeting ended with an apparently unanimous decision to oppose PA's TLT application. The RAC submitted a letter to the Clallam Co. BOCC expressing our opposition and requested the BOCC send the letter to DNR.

RAC regular meeting 5/20/2024 had three agenda items: 1) Open Public Meetings Act review and discussion; 2) vote on the letter of opposition to PA's TLT proposal; 3) DNR presentation of "Forestry 101- DNR style"

- 1) County attorney Dee Boughton advises that the RAC is not a "governing body" so not technically subject to OPMA but since we are operating with open public meetings, then we should continue to do so.
- 2) Unanimous approval of the letter.

3) An informative and helpful presentation. After the presentation, the RAC Chair pointed out the need for beneficiaries to attend Board of Natural Resources (BNR) meetings at which timber sales are reviewed for Board approval. Opponents of particular sales often attend and present their views and advocacy by beneficiaries could be helpful. She noted a specific sale in Clallam County that was upcoming on the BNR docket and the Sequim School District director (a beneficiary) said she would attend. This notion was well-received by RAC members and others expressed interest as well.

2. Parking Spaces. Commissioner Keen reported he delivered 10 permits to Three Rivers Resort with the understanding that they are for a maximum of six parking spots. The permits need to be billed to Three Rivers Resort.

New Business

1. 2024 Surplus Program Eligibility Application Renewal. Aleilah reported that she completed the renewal application and shared it with the commissioners and fire chief for review and approval. Commissioner Keen made a motion to approve the renewal application. Commissioner Horton seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

2. Announcements – None

Next Meeting – July 8, 2024, 13:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 14:44.

Read and approved on July 8, 2024, by:

Commissioner Chip Keen

Commissioner Scott Horton

Commissioner Tom Rosmond

District Secretary Aleilah P Lawson