

Pierce County Fire District 23 Board of Commissioners' Regular Board Meeting April 12, 2021

The Board of Commissioners of Pierce County Fire District 23 met at 7 p.m., Monday, April 12, 2021 by Zoom. Those present included Chairman Bill Tylor, Commissioners Claudia Frey and Joseph Koehler, Chief Matthew Medford and District Secretary Nancy Adams. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

The Secretary gave her report, saying that for the most part it was a normal month. She said that the district has \$325,000 in the bank, and taxes are due at the end of the month. The chief read his report.

Under old business, the secretary explained that setting up accounts at Keybank to pay certain bills would entail paying the bank fees on a "per transaction" basis. After explaining the amounts involved, the secretary said she wanted the board's approval to move any further. Comm. Frey said she would talk to the Pierce County Fair about how they did the transactions that they do with the bank. The commissioners said that they would approve going ahead even if the district has to pay fees.

Moving on to new business, the chief informed the board of the need to replace the air packs. He said the bottles will be expiring soon, and the air packs that the district already have are no longer being manufactures. Costs and the availability of different models were discussed. The chief said he was looking into loans and grants for the purchase amounts. The board instructed the chief to continue with his explorations of options to present to the board.

The Board went over the voucher list, and approved the list as written. The board went into executive session for about 10 minutes to discuss the contract with Lewis County Fire District 17. Coming out of the session, the chairman announced that nothing was decided, but that the negotiations were ongoing. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Chairman

5-10-21
Date



Commissioner

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Chief's Report

April 2021

General:

- April has been a record month we came close to doubling past record and almost tripled the average calls for the month. Closing the first quarter we are seeing an average of 1.1 calls/day.
- Brush fires early season start caught some surprise. Already assisted with two fires 5 acres or larger in SPFR district. Early green up with east wind events made for interesting fire conditions. Some predictions from the PDX weather office put out advisories and forecasts for the upcoming wx event and they matched well.
- Working with other Zone 6 chief's on putting together a response package that in certain times would be staged for faster response to wildland incidents.
- Work progresses on DNR Brush truck.
- Ongoing work with Tacoma Power and Quinn for pay contract for service.
- COVID Clinic part 2 at Columbia Crest in partnership with Kirk's Pharmacy. PCFD23 members were part of the Jabbing Crew both indoor and outdoor due to some no show from the pharmacy staff. Went well and might have more partnerships in the future.

Facilities:

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Responses:	43* New Monthly Record
EMS:	29
Fire:	11 (7 mutual aid to SPFR, 1 GFR)
Other:	3
Year to Date:	132* (almost double avg. in the first 1/3 of year,)
Last Year Comparison:	15/77 (April 2019) 25/88 (April 2019)
Ambulance Runs:	8 D23 Transports (6 for Apr 2020) (7 for Apr 2019)
	4 South Pierce (2 for Apr 2020) (3 for Apr 2019)
	1 ALNW
	1 Graham
	14 Total Transports

Meetings Attended:

- Lewis County Chief's Meeting Zoom
- Pierce County Chief's Meeting Zoom
- Radio work group(ss911)
- Zone 6 Chief wildfire group

Respectfully, Chief Medford