



EAST SIDE FIRE DISTRICT

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 2025 | 10:30AM
20436 S. Hwy 97, Harrison, ID 83833

Present:

Commissioners: Akos Ador, Loren Nelson, Gil Moncrief

Fire Chief Jerry Lynn

District Clerk Amber Loewe

Commissioner Ador opened the regularly scheduled meeting of the East Side Fire District Board of Commissioners at 1030 hours.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGANCE

II. APPROVAL ACTION ITEMS

- A. Agenda:** Commissioner Moncrief moved to approve the September 10, 2025 agenda. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.
- B. Minutes:** Commissioner Moncrief moved to approve the minutes for August 20, 2025 and August 27, 2025. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion, which was carried by unanimous vote.
- C. Financials and Bills/Expense Reports:** Commissioner Moncrief moved to approve the financial and expense reports as presented. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

III. BUSINESS

A. Fire Chiefs Report: Lynn

1. Equipment:

- a. 1431 had a slow leak in the left rear tire. Les Schwab determined it was from the valve stem extension. It was repaired.
- b. 1463 & 1433 need to have the air system plumbed into both apparatuses. This needs to be scheduled and will be completed soon. Discussion ensued on the installation.

2. Operations:

- a. August tends to be a bit busier for calls and incidents, but we are still trending lower for FIRE calls for the year in comparison to last year.
- b. Fire Training attendance is a bit lower than Chief would like to see but he attributes that to volunteers traveling.
- c. September Training was Fire Attack utilizing foam spray. One training was replaced with the BBQ which will be tonight.

- d. **Development:** Chief Lynn mentioned that we will need to reinstate the Impact Fees. They haven't heard anything new about that.

3. Facilities:

- a. **Station 5:** We have started planning for the new gym at Station #5. We are hopeful that it will be completed by the end of October.
- b. **Station 2:** Chief Lynn stated he would like to get quotes to move forward with installing a helipad. He would like to see what he needs to do with Avista to bury the electric lines and will have a quote for that work to present at the next commissioner meeting.
- c. **Auxiliary Purchases:** Chief Lynn formally requested funds from the Auxiliary to purchase tech rescue suits for our volunteers and a flagpole for Station #2. NFPA stated that firefighters should only wear structure gear during a structure fire due to carcinogens and requests them for the health of the volunteers.

B. EMS Report: Paperwork Provided to Commissioner by Deputy Chief Pegoraro

- 1. **Kootenai County EMS/County Agencies:** The next KCEMSS BLS meeting is scheduled for September 16th. The last scheduled meeting was skipped due to many of the agencies being too busy to attend.
- 2. **Operations:**
 - a. The EMS responders and the ambulance were busy again this month. Response numbers were great, and we had plenty of resources on scene.
 - b. Deputy Chief Pegoraro commented that she will be out of town for a family vacation during this meeting.
 - c. A group of ESFD responders and family members will be participating in the Tunnel to Towers 5K walk/run on Saturday, September 13th. Tower to Tunnels is a nationwide fundraising group serving veterans and first responders.
- 3. **Training:**
 - a. Our EMS training will be held on September 8th. EMS Deputy Botai will be leading this training and will cover blood borne pathogens and vitals assessments. The EMS Connect topic has yet to be announced.

C. ESFD Auxiliary Report: Stone

- 1. Admin Chief Loewe commented that President Deb Stone gave her a short report to read. She stated that the Auxiliary bank balance is currently at \$53,439.38.
- 2. The next Auxiliary meeting will be held on October 13th at 1pm. They will be holding their annual elections at that time to fill the President, Vice President and Secretary positions.

D. DISCUSSION: N-Sid-Sen Christmas Banquet

- 1. Admin Chief Loewe mentioned that she spoke with the new director at N Sid Sen and there was some uncertainty about who would be cooking for the banquet. They did not plan on having the caterer from last year and are looking into filling their cook position. Commissioner Ador would like to

know what the cost would be to rent just the facility and bring in our own caterer. Admin Chief Loewe stated that N-Sid-Sen did not want us to do that in the past and that they have been grouping the costs together for the food and the facility. She would need to ask about what the cost would be and if they would allow us to bring in our own caterer. There was a discussion that we may move the banquet to our new Station #2. Chief Lynn commented that we will need to change the policy to allow wine and beer to be allowed to be consumed on the property during this occasion only. After some discussion, it was decided to move the Christmas banquet to our New Station due to the uncertainty with the cook, the uneven and sometimes icy quality of the ground, and for ease of caterer. Chief Lynn will reach out to Angelos for a catering option.

IV. UPCOMING WORK AND CONSIDERATIONS

A. The next Commissioner Meeting will be held on Monday, October 6th.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT *(Per ESFD Policy P200, Public Comment will be limited to 3 minutes per speaker and discussion will be restricted to items on the Business Section of the published agenda, and only to those items.)*

A. No public comment

V. ACTION ITEM: CLOSE MEETING

Commissioner Moncrief moved to close the regularly scheduled Commissioners' Meeting. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion.

Commissioner Ador closed the ESFD Commissioner Meeting at 1104 hours.