

KLICKITAT COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 3

White Salmon Fire Station

119 NE Church St.

White Salmon, WA 98672

Monday September 10th 2018 at 12:00pm,

Special Meeting MINUTES

Called to order: 12:04

The Fire Commissioners from Klickitat County Fire District met with members of the White Salmon City Council and White Salmon City Management, regarding the future of regional Planning for Fire/EMS response in the community.

Attendance:

KCFD3 Commissioner Montag, KCFD3 Commissioner Connor, KCFD3 Commissioner Virts, White Salmon City Councilor Jason Hartman, White Salmon City Councilor Amy Whiteman, KCFD3 Chief Long, WSFD Chief Hunsaker, KCFD3 Secretary Plumb, Phil Simms WSFD.

Commissioner Montag opened the meeting by outlining the goals Fire District 3 has for developing plans to improve service to the community. The Commissioners are following directions from the 2013 Task Force Report to address issues with a regional approach. Commissioner Montag noted that the close relationship between White Salmon Fire Department and KCFD3 benefits all the customers in the region. In particular the Washington Survey and Ratings Bureau (WSRB) looks at the mutual benefits, and this influences the property insurance rates for customers. The District is looking at ways to partner with other agencies to improve response for the community as a whole; this could include working with the EMS District to house EMS staff.

1. Review information on the KCFD3 2018 Bond Request.

The Fire District has placed a Capital Bond request on the November 2018 ballot in an effort to address the building upgrades required to maintain sustainability and operations during disasters. Other items to be addressed under the bond include safety equipment for the firefighters and firefighting apparatus. The building upgrades include (but not limited to) electrical work, generators to maintain power during outages an addition to station 32 to accommodate current and future equipment. The two main stations will also be upgraded to include sleeping accommodation. By adding sleeping quarters the district will be able to house firefighters and so reduce the response times.

2. Discuss the expectations of customers:

It is anticipated that growth in the region will continue. With increased building and development the fire departments will be under increased pressure to respond to more calls. Chief Long handed out a preliminary map depicting the response times for KCFD3 stations (see attached). Updated maps should be available soon. The district is looking at ways to reduce response times which is a huge challenge in rural areas. In particular, KCFD3 is geographically challenged to get from Station 31 and Station 32 into the more densely populated areas on the outskirts of White Salmon City.

By adding sleeping capabilities at the stations the district could reduce response times (providing volunteer staff are available).

It was noted that the 2013 Task Force report recognized that the volunteer system was and is the best model for the region at this time. The cost to hire full time paid 24 hour, 7 days a week, coverage is not feasible.

3. Discuss possible options for improving service to customers

The existing Automatic Aid agreement in place benefits both agencies. (KCFD3 Stations are satellites for White Salmon, as White Salmon Fire Station is a satellite station for KCFD3. KCFD3 is looking at ways to

reduce response times into the area around White Salmon, and into White Salmon itself. Potential ideas include building a new station in the area around Pucker Huddle which is financially challenging. Another idea is to help fund improvements to the White Salmon Fire Station. It was noted that the White Salmon Fire Station was built about 20 years ago. The building was constructed with the vision to eventually accommodate firefighters. As is common in rural development, the City used available space to accommodate current needs, and without the capability to staff the station the facilities have been put to use for current needs. This includes the Council chambers next to the training room, and the basement being used by the Public Works division. No agency would intentionally put the firefighting equipment at risk, but Chief Long noted that both he and Chief Hunsaker are trained to assess risks and recognize that the equipment in the Public Works division includes welding and other potentially flammable items that could put the firefighting equipment in the upper stories at risk. Again it was noted that the City has by necessity used the facilities it has to meet current demands. It was also noted that the Public Works Department is growing and that it may have to relocate to another site. Should that happen, the station could be developed to accommodate the vision of 20 years ago, and house First Responders overnight. One of the ideas put forward at a recent Workshop for the Bond was to set aside funds to assist with the development of the White Salmon Station. By investing in the building, KCFD3 would be investing in the improved response times to its customers on the outskirts of White Salmon. This is an idea, and no plans are in place. The Commissioners would like to explore any options to improve the service to its customers.

In summary:

This meeting provided a forum at which KCFD3's plans and vision for the future were shared, jointly discussed and explored with the Public Safety Committee of the White Salmon City Council. Key topics included:

- Improving services to the customers in the community (the community being the customers of KCFD3 and White Salmon and beyond).
- Upgrading current District facilities, and by so doing be sustainable and independent in the event of a disaster – The Fire Departments will need to be operating at full capacity when all other infrastructure fails.
- Continuing to work closely with White Salmon Fire and other agencies to develop the best services to the Community at large.
- Planning for the next 20 years.
- Continuing these discussions to plan together for the future.

Good of the order: none noted.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Virts, seconded by Commissioner Connor.

Meeting adjourned: 12:56

APPROVED BY:

Tom Montag 9/13/18
Chairman - Commissioner Thomas Montag. (date)

Attest:

Rozalind Plumb
District Secretary Rozalind Plumb

Robert Connor Sept 13, 2018
Commissioner Robert Connor (date)

Charles Virts 13 Sep 2018
Commissioner Charles Virts (date)

Klickitat County Fire District 3 Commissioners Meeting
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AGENDA

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Approval of agenda (Action)

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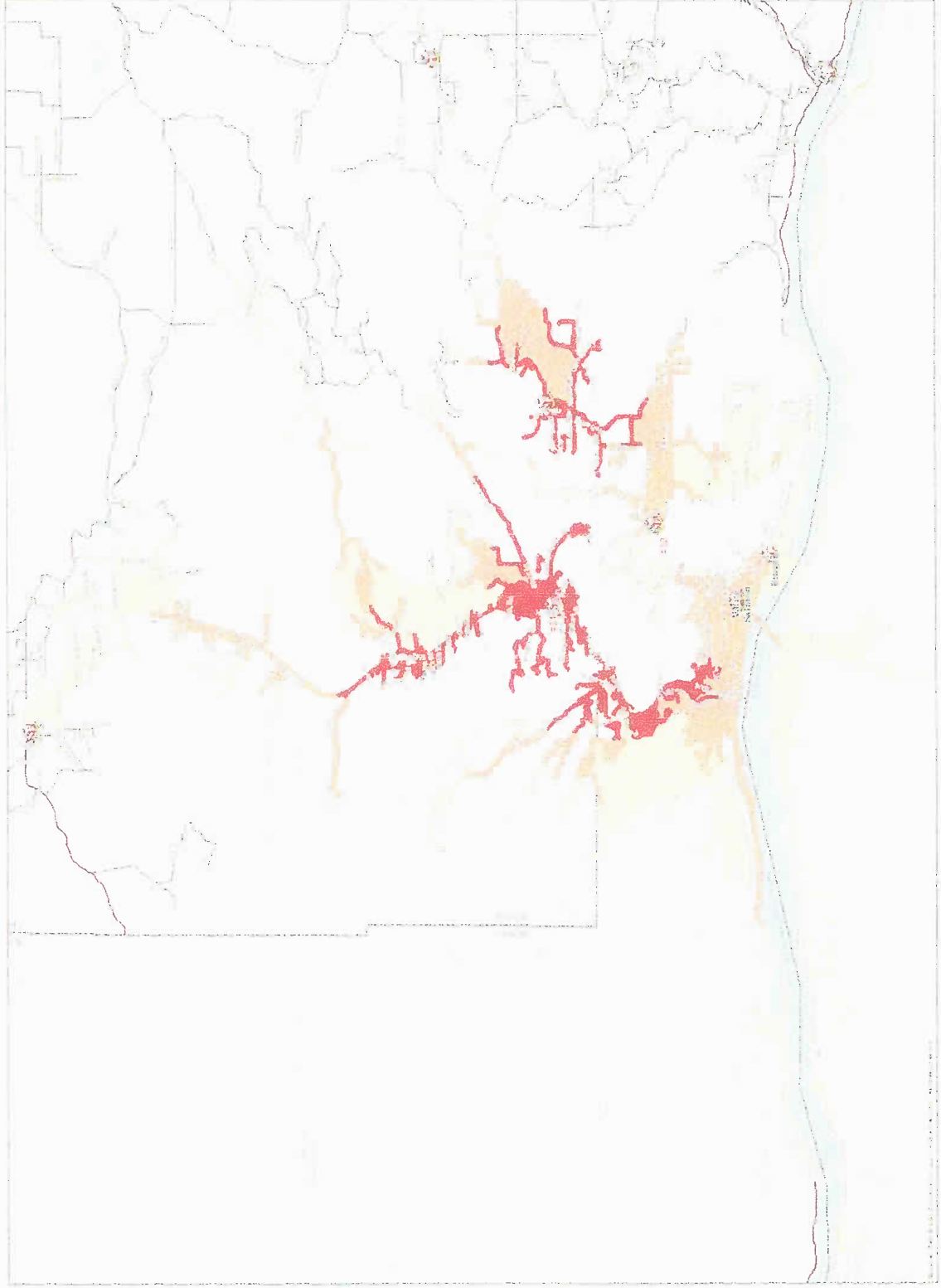
Motion to adjourn: (A) Time _____

Husum Fire Department Klickitat County

8, 14, 20 Minute
Response Areas



Map Date: 10/15/2014
Map Scale: 1:25,000
Map Projection: NAD 83 UTM Zone 12N
Map Author: Husum Fire Department
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proposed agenda for special meeting

1 message

Rozalind Plumb <secretary@kcf3.com>

Thu, Sep 6, 2018 at 3:51 PM

To: Bob Connor <sheserafarms@gorge.net>, Chuck Virts <conradv@gorge.net>, Tom Montag <tcmontag@hotmail.com>, Wes Long CHIEF <chief@kcf3.com>, Sverre Bakke <SBakke@whitesalmonenterprise.com>, Bill Hunsaker <billh@ci.white-salmon.wa.us>

Here is the notice and *proposed* agenda for the special meeting between Klickitat County Fire District 3 Commissioners and members of the White Salmon City Council and City Management.

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Please forward to White Salmon management and City Council members.
Thank you.

Rozalind Plumb

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2 attachments



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Questions?

Please contact Klickitat County Fire District 3 Office at (509) 493 2996