

**Sam Owen Fire District
Commissioner's Meeting
September 10, 2025**

Attendance:

Tony Butler, Subdistrict 1 Commissioner - ABSENT
Lisa Wendle Subdistrict 2 Commissioner
Terry Jensen, Subdistrict 3 Commissioner, Chairman
Shawn Finnerty, Boat Captain
Chris Popov, Volunteer Fire Fighter
Stu Eigler, Administrative Officer, Accountant
Todd Wendle – Volunteer Fire Fighter
Vladi Tudor – Resident Subdistrict 3

Agenda:

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Jensen at 6:02 p.m. The minutes from the August meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Wendle makes a motion to accept the minutes as written, and Commissioner Jensen seconded. All in favor.

The minutes from the August Budget meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Jensen makes a motion to accept the minutes as written, and Commissioner Wendle seconded. All in favor.

There are no public comment. There are no requested changes to the posted agenda.

The Commissioners noted the article in the Bonner County Daily Bee and recognized and thanked Todd Wendle for writing the article.

Chief's Report:

There have been 19 calls this month. 9 were medical, and 10 were fire calls. The Chief briefed the Commissioners on the department's participation on the Sunset Fire and the reimbursement expected in the approximate sum of \$42,419.81 to compensate the department for 305 man hours and 152 boat hours plus fuel. In addition, the USFS is sourcing potable water from Station 1 for other fire camps in the area and the USFS

water contractor has agreed to pay the department three cents per gallon for water. The Chief presented a list of repairs needed for 1391 and suggested that some of the funds received from the Sunset Fire go toward the repairs. On motion made by Commissioner Jensen and seconded by Commissioner Wendle, and upon a unanimous vote in favor, the repairs were approved.

All is in good working order at Station 1 and Station 2.

All equipment is operational with the exception of 1331 which is awaiting a new battery cable.

A new volunteer training class starts September 11 2025 and expected to run through mid-November to train 5 or maybe 6 new volunteers. Firefighter Todd Wendle briefed the Commissioners on the training program that was created for the new class.

Treasurer's Report:

Stu Eigler reports that the AFG Grant has not been funded at the federal FEMA level so the expectations for funding under that Grant remains unknown. The IDL Rural grant is still pending. The Department did receive a contribution from the David Wanek Family Foundation in the amount of \$2500. The Wanek's are residents on the Hope Peninsula in the Cape of Art development.

The current bills as set forth on they attached schedule of payments were reviewed and approved for payment. The current financial reports are also attached to these minutes.

Commissioner Jensen makes a motion to pay the bills as presented. He is seconded by Commissioner Wendle. All in favor.

New Business:

The Clark Fork Mutual Aid Agreement is out for review by the Clark Fork City Council. Chief Scofield briefed the commissioners on the status of the county wide Mutual Aid Agreement.

A revised department services fee schedule was presented by the Chief increasing the department service charges by 5% for FY2026 as permitted under Idaho Code 63-1311A. Commissioner Jensen makes a motion to approve the revised fee schedule for FY2026 and it was seconded by Commissioner Wendle. All in favor.

Commissioner Wendle makes a motion to adjourn at 7:30P.M and the motion is seconded by Commissioner Wendle All in favor motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Alexa Garrison, Secretary