

Minutes of the Special Joint Meeting of the  
Pend Oreille County Fire Protection District No.2 Board of Commissioners  
and the  
Stevens County Fire Protection District No. 9 Board of Commissioners  
on August 11, 2009

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Meeting called to order by Fire District #2 Chair Rick Stone at 13:00 at the Fire District #2 Administrative Office. Present for Pend Oreille County Fire District #2 were: Commissioners Sandie Durand, Dick Norton and Rick Stone, Chief Larry Pollock, Deputy Chief Scott Doughty and Administrative Assistant John Rumelhart. Present for Stevens County Fire District #9 were: Commissioners Roger Cox, Don Kopczynski and Brian McCollim and Chief Ted Downey. Present for the Washington Fire Commissioner Association was Executive Secretary Roger Ferris.

**Association between Fire District #2 and Fire District #9:**

- A discussion was held on the various ways the two fire districts could cooperate to make both districts more efficient, including sharing training, equipment and personnel. It was decided that neither district was interested in a full merger. Commissioners Stone and McCollim will meet to further discuss specific types of agreements. Chief Pollock, Deputy Chief Doughty and Chief Downey will meet to further discuss the operations aspect of an agreement. Also Deputy Chief Doughty will contact Stevens County Sheriff's Ambulance to discuss EMS responses.

**\$5.90 Tax Base**

- Mr. Ferris presented information explaining the \$5.90 limit on property tax assessments as well as information on EMS Levies.

**RCW 54.20 re: US Forest Service**

- A discussion was held on having fire protection contracts with the US Forest Service, Washington State and other governmental agencies. Mr. Ferris will email additional information and sample contracts to Commissioner Norton.

**Budgeting**

- A discussion was held on the pros and cons of Fire District #2 combining the General and Rescue budgets. No decisions were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 15:26.

/s/ John Rumelhart, Clerk of the Board  
Pend Oreille County Fire District #2