



Special Business Meeting Minutes, July 28, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, with a link posted for public Zoom access. Present were Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs, Vice Chair Pat Sample, Commissioners Molly Olson, Michelle Adie, Doug Rupp and Leigh Christianson. Also present were Chief Eric Andrews, Assistant Chief Ernie Walters and Secretary Karen McPeters (recorder).

Public Commentary: No public

This special meeting was called to discuss cost recovery billing in more detail.

Bill brought a copy of the actual legislation passed by the state and noted that it only stipulates the recovery of costs associated with motor vehicle accidents including motorcycles, trucks and automobiles.

The chief noted that billing for trail rescues and other types of calls not specifically covered in the legislation may not be defensible in court.

The chief also noted that SFRF has a billing policy similar to what was discussed, where MVC responses that last more than 30 minutes, and require two of a list of possible billable activities, are billed to the insurance of the parties. The standard district policy is to bill insurance, then bill the individuals for anything not covered three times, then drop it. Debt collection is not used.

Bill moved to add cost recovery billing to our transport billing policy as discussed. There were 5 yes votes and one abstention.

Next regular meeting August 11, in person with public access on Zoom available.

Adjournment 7:36 pm