

BCDCC General Meeting  
Richland Public Library  
955 Northgate Dr  
Richland WA 99352  
1/17/2018

**Call to Order** 7:10PM

**Flag Salute** N/A (no flag)

**Agenda:** motion to adopt/2<sup>nd</sup>, approved

**Secretary's Report/Adoption of Minutes:** motion to approve/2<sup>nd</sup>, approved

**Guest Speaker:** Fire Chief Lonnie Click/ Benton County Fire District #1:

The district is 320 square miles. There are 13 paid and 85 volunteer staff. Taking a message to taxpayers to improve service. Currently on EMS service calls, fire engine responds. Need to improve response time with ambulance transport service. Currently rely on City of Richland and other partners, significant delay with ambulance. Can decrease response time by 4-11 minutes if we had our own ambulance. NFPA says that you need to arrive between 3-5 minutes on a cardiac event. Current EMT response is about 20 minutes (barring a train). Board is considering an EMS levy this fall for an ambulance in Badger Canyon and Finley, remodel a facility, and add a paid staff position. 1300-1400 calls per year. Approaching service level where the aid partners will charge the district or refuse to serve. Proposed EMS levy rate is \$0.50/1000 currently. A patient gets charged between \$1100-\$1400 for response/transport. Currently charge \$250 for an engine call. Levy for fire only is \$1.50/1000. Will be eligible for GEMT federal funding if EMS response is adopted. Have several other grants that will help.

To do: Distribute the information about the levy and goals.

**Motion** (Jay Clough)/ 2nd, Move to support the levy to our membership and to our mailing list. Approved.

See [www.bencodem.org/docs/Secretary/2018\\_Minutes/FireDistrict%231.pdf](http://www.bencodem.org/docs/Secretary/2018_Minutes/FireDistrict%231.pdf)

**Chair/Treasurer: Glen Morgan case**

State has offered an option to dissolve PAC to protect BCDCC from further complaints by Glen Morgan: we would dissolve PAC, transfer PAC money to state, state would not earmark but would intend to spend where raised. If PAC were dissolved, we could not

contribute to candidates' campaigns. Alternative: keep money, take risk of continued complaints, possible lawsuits that would eat our funds in fines and legal fees.

Discussion:

If we dissolved, could members make donations directly to candidates? Yes

Is the State organization taking any action in response to Morgan's complaints? Yes, the State has started response to Morgan's complaints, and has started to change the law.

What would we be if not a PAC? We would be a club.

Could we get the state to fund "a place of our own"? Don't know.

How much money would we have to send to the State? All of it.

Would the State consistently address our financial needs? Have recently, past activities are not reassuring.

Why are we at risk? Past practices didn't comply with PDC laws. Now we are compliant. Current risk is for past acts, 2 year statute of limitations for citizen complaints. First complaint listed 3 pages of spreadsheets of issues, all of which were adjudicated by PDC prior. Low risk for suit. Second case was for an exempt account mentioned in past PDC filings. We have no documentation supporting the existence of such an account in the last year, and no access to prior books.

have we spent on lawyers' fees to date: <\$2K.

What is the complaint process? Citizen files complaint. AG decides whether to take it up. If AG doesn't act THEN citizen files 10 day notification. Then he can sue. If we lose, he can recover his lawyer's fees.

Do we have option of donating to TC Dems? No. They're not a PAC.

Could we could become a PAC again in 2 years? Yes.

Any other options to protect the money? No, and not clear that sending the money to State would protect us from a lawsuit.

Motion (John Christenson)/ 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dissolve the PAC.

John C: I don't understand it.

Doug McKinley: If we decide now, without info, we force the dissolution. We don't understand what the worst case the scenario, so we don't know if there is much risk.

Jay C: Only 2 people in room understand as well as me, and we still don't know what to do.

John C: Motion withdrawn.

John C: Motion/ 2<sup>nd</sup>: Allocate up to \$1000 for legal advice so that Doug can consult with our attorney. Approved (unan.)

(No time for Committee reports, Old Business, and Good of the order)

New Business:

Motion (Micki)/2nd: Approve \$772.00 to pay lawyer/ approved.

Moran: State Cmte, Bellingham. 2 weekends from now. Come. Attend, go to caucuses.  
Chair: Benton County to serve on Credentials, Platform, Rules. Chuck LoPresti for Platform, Kate Moran for Credentials, Rules Jay Castleberry.

Budget: Proposed budget out. We will vote next time.

Adjourn: 8:31

Treasurer's report (submitted in writing prior):

Legal bill (Danielle Franco-Malone) \$772.00

New campaign – signed off 2017; created new campaign for 2018.

Exempt funds account:

Latest complaint from Glen Morgan

Received by AG 11/1/2017

Legal informed 11/13/2017; letter from Danielle 11/13/2017

45 days expires 12/16/2017

I responded with info 11/17/2017 with copy of C-1PC from Michelle

Draft response from Danielle 11/17/2017

Danielle sent follow up letter to Linda (AG) 12/6/2017

10/19/2017 Note from Danielle – Glen Morgan has moved forward with 10-day notice

12/27/2017 Note from Danielle – letter from AG: The review showed that your allegation could not be substantiated or the facts were not as alleged. Case Closed!

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## Financial Report

## Savings

Balance 12/1/2017	\$7669.84
Balance 12/31/2017	<u>7670.61</u>

## Checking

Balance 12/1/2017	\$17,995.69
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## Expenses:

PO Box (annual)	76.00
Storage Rental (Jan)	95.00

## Holiday Party

DJ	\$ 400.00
Caterer	3,733.36
Santa Suit	84.69
Refund	60.00
Items for Silent Auction	84.69

Total Expenses	\$4,449.05
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## Income:

Holiday Party	\$2,757.41
Contributions	28.95

Total Income	\$2,786.36
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Ending Balance	\$16,333.00
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