



North Mason Regional Fire Authority (NMRFA)

Meeting Minutes

460 NE Old Belfair Hwy

2/21/2017

Present: Commissioners Kewish, McIntosh, Quigley, Severson, Miller; Executive Assistant Patti, Chief Bakken; Asst. Chief Cooper

Guests: None

FINANCIAL REPORT: There is nothing out of the ordinary on our expenses for the first two months. He automatically shows the monies towards our reserves. As a reminder, our monies will replenish in April when taxes begin to come in.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Authority Department Dinner: Reminder of the awards dinner this weekend.

Community Outreach Coordinator, Tahuya Application Process: We only have two applications and two that have called to say they will be submitting their applications before the Friday deadline. We will begin planning for the assessment center following the application process. Commissioner Quigley inquired about this position and Jeromy Hicks role. Chief Bakken provided clarification that this role is different than Cpt. Hicks.

OLD BUSINESS

Station 27 Kitchen Bid: The Station 27 kitchen remodel is out for bid until March 10th. Once the bid period closes we will bring bids to Commissioners for review.

Tahuya Station Update: The environmental engineer has been working on the property. Right now, it appears we will not be able to do a repair on the septic, but will have to come up with a new design. They have been working with TCA on the details. Things are moving slowly but surely.

Wildland Firefighter Program: Cpt. Cleveland was on a call and unable to provide an update so Chief Bakken provided one in his absence. These are students who recently graduated that are provided the education to be able to fight wildland fires and receive a stipend over the summer and then a scholarship to four students following the season. We had a lot of applicants and the four were identified to be in the program and the others can still be wildland volunteers with the Fire Authority. Training is a bit different this year as opposed to last year. The training will go out until the end of June. New to this year, the DNR will put on a wildland fire academy.

NEW BUSINESS

Command Vehicle Purchase: The current command vehicle (1996 Suburban) is in need of replacement. This is the "command and control" vehicle that the captains and acting officers use. The request is through the State of WA. The vehicle cost is \$37,000. There is additional cost for equipment that will be provided once it is available and would come at a separate time. When the vehicle comes into service we will likely come with an offer to surplus the current command vehicle.

Commissioner McIntosh inquired if the equipment would be transferrable. Chief Bakken spoke about a blue tooth headset that we are looking into which will help our incident commander be most effective.

Commissioner Quigley made a motion to approve funding for the new command vehicle as presented; Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. Motion approved.

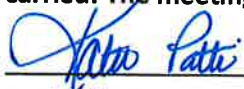
Public Comment: None

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Academy: Commissioner McIntosh asked how our students are doing at the academy. We received word that both Deric Klahr and Stephanie Criess are being recognized at leaders at North Bend. Chief remarked he spoke to Dan Cox who is at Bates with Crystal Pinero, Thomas Bailey, Andrew McCaffrey and Austin Ryan. He indicated all is going well and they had no needs at this time.

Captains Meeting: The offsite Captains meeting went very well and Chief Bakken reported they have a lot of work to do. The unified message is that we will get better and be better. There have been great ideas brought forward and many who want to be part of the process. More to come – Chief Bakken indicated we are headed in the right direction.

Commissioner Quigley moved to adjourn; Commissioner Kewish seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.



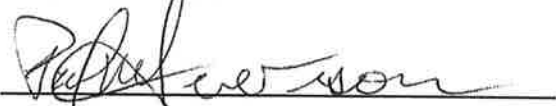
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Commissioner Kelley McIntosh



Commissioner Bob Miller



Commissioner Paul Severson



Commissioner Brooke Quigley



Commissioner Daniel Kewish