



NORTH MASON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY

Meeting Minutes

14880 NE North Shore Rd - Tahuya

1/20/2015

Present: Commissioners Blackwell, Kewish, McIntosh, Quigley, Voss-Petridis, Wampold; Fire Chief Bakken, Assistant Chief Cooper

Guests: Paul Severson

Excused: Authority Secretary Patti

Update on Commissioner Burrus: The meeting opened with District 2 Commissioner Severson notifying the Board that Commissioner Dan Burrus passed away on 1/19/2015. Commissioner Severson wanted to personally acknowledge Commissioner Burrus' service. A notice was sent to WFCA of his passing. A Wells Fargo account has been established as a memorial fund for Dan's children. Commissioner Blackwell stated that he would like a plaque and flag presented to Dan's son on behalf of the Fire Authority.

Commissioner Quigley moved that the Fire Authority provide the gift of a flag and present it to Commissioner Burrus' son to commemorate his service to the fire district; Commissioner Voss-Petridis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Strategic Planning Process: Chief Bakken provided an update to the Board. The initial project is near completion however, we plan to "suspend" the process due to recent events involving the possible consolidation with CMFE. There will be a final report with the current work completed for review in four weeks or less. This would redirect the planning and goal setting process. The initial budget for the consulting firm is \$30,000; to date the Fire Authority has only used \$13,232.40 from that line item.

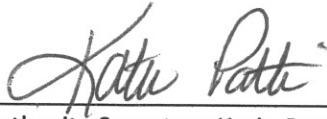
Consolidation with Central Mason Fire and EMS (CMFE): Chief Bakken presented general information on the exploratory process of consolidation with CMFE. There is a communication plan to discuss how information is distributed to insure all stakeholders are included in the process. There needs to be clear lines of communication amongst all levels both internally and externally.

There will be a Joint Board Meeting with CMFE Board members and the Fire Authority Board members will be held on 2/10/15 at 5:00pm in the Boardroom of the North Mason School District Office in Belfair. A Steering Committee will be established to insure that the steps for consolidation are met accordingly. No decisions have been made regarding an organizational chart, bargaining units, or any other fundamental issues. A timeline draft has been established that identifies the work that will need to be done to make this consolidation successful. It was determined that if all the issues are not addressed by the time this matter would need to go to ballot in April of 2016, then it would not proceed to the voters until those matters have been addressed accordingly. Chief added that with this being the initial steps of such a detailed endeavor, both Boards and Administration have a lot of unknowns until the Steering Committee has been assembled and discussions can begin.

Public Comment: None

Good of the Order: None

Commissioner Wampold moved to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Blackwell seconded motion.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.



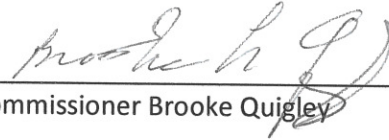
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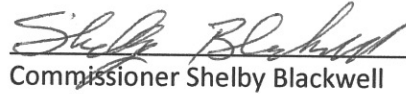
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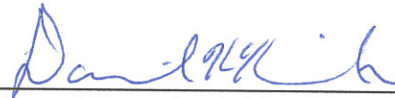
Commissioner Thomas Wampold



Commissioner Brooke Quigley



Commissioner Shelby Blackwell



Commissioner Daniel Kewish