



**North Mason Regional Fire Authority (NMRFA)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Sta 81, 14880 NE Northshore Rd**

**3/17/2015**

**Present:** Commissioners Kewish, McIntosh, Quigley, Voss-Petredis; Fire Chief Bakken, Assistant Chief Cooper, Authority Secretary Patti

**Excused:** Commissioner Wampold

**Guests:** Cpt. Jeromy Hicks and AmeriCorps Volunteers - Amie Ammen and Ashlee Jones

The meeting was called to order at 5:02pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting minutes from March 10, 2015 were presented for approval.

**Commissioner Quigley moved to approve the meeting minutes from 3/10/15 as presented.**

**Commissioner Kewish seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

A second batch of Vouchers #1503091 to #1503119 for the month of March in the amount of \$11,394.30 was presented for approval. The reason for the second batch was due to the long month.

**Commissioner Quigley moved to approve the second batch of vouchers as presented. Commissioner Voss-Petredis seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**AmeriCorps Presentation:** Chief Bakken introduced AmeriCorps Volunteers Amie Ammen and Ashlee Jones. They were invited to tonight's meeting to provide a program update. They distributed a portfolio to each Commissioner which highlights the programs statistics and "in the field" success stories. *(Portfolio Attached)*. Commissioner Quigley commended the team on their portfolio.

Cpt Jeromy Hicks remarked how proud he is of their enthusiasm for the program and how much they have accomplished in such a short period of time. The grant period is up in July on the 31<sup>st</sup> and he has already begun the application process for another year. Chief Bakken complimented and thanked Amie and Ashlee on their hard work and dedication to the program.

The Commissioners were invited to attend the Chili and Salsa Cook off being held on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Eagles Club. This event is being put on by Amie and Ashlee with help from the NM Eagles Club to raise funds for the Volunteer Firefighters Association for disaster preparedness. *(Event flyer attached)*.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Chief Bakken reported revenues continue to trickle in. We were surprised to see timber tax revenues coming in already. He reviewed the budget report noting we have 1.5 million currently and we anticipate we will take in anywhere from 1 – 1 ½ million in revenue.

**Shorebrook Water Update**—Chief Cooper spoke to the water district about the invoice for water and meters in question. The billing was sent in error and we do not owe any monies. Shorebrook has provided us with a schedule of their meetings for our records. The warrant that was issues will be canceled.

**Ambulance Billing Question:** Commissioner Voss-Petredis requested clarification on our ambulance billing. Chief Bakken provided a general overview of the billing costs and remarked our ambulance bill is approximately 30% less expensive than our neighboring District. We also have not increased our mileage rate in several years. Our Administrative Assistant Stephanie Criess coordinates the ambulance billing for the Authority. Chief Bakken will ask Stephanie come to a Commissioner meeting and prepare a short presentation on billing that will help answer any questions.

**Station 22 Lease Agreement:** Chief reported the Lease Agreement received the approval from Mason County Commissioners. Chief Bakken will bring the agreement to our next meeting for signature.

**RFA Meeting Update:**

Commissioner McIntosh provided a brief update on the events that took place at the Steering Committee Meeting held at Station 21 last Friday. She felt overall everyone wanted to merge but the urgency to do so was not as strong as she would have liked. She has a meeting with Commissioner Taylor to discuss her concerns and provide an update to him. Commissioner McIntosh reiterated that she believes embarking on merging is not only good for the community but also for Mason County in general.

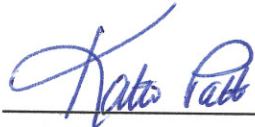
There was some general discussion on how the Joint CAC would operate. Commissioner Quigley requested that we stay on top of adding people to the mailing list and remind those that participate in the CAC meeting that this committee is an advisory only committee. There was a desire by the Commissioners to attend the sub-committee meetings when they are scheduled. Executive Assistant Patti and Chief Bakken will provide an update once meetings have been scheduled.

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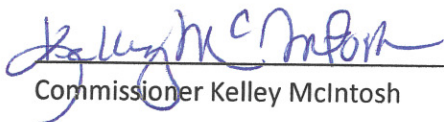
- **All County Fire Commissioner Meeting**, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm at the Shelton Civic Center.
- **Region 9 Workshop** on Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 4 at East Jefferson Fire. Please let Katie Patti know if you would like to attend.

**Public Comment:** None

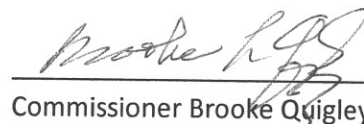
**Commissioner Voss-Petredis moved to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Quigley seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:44pm.**



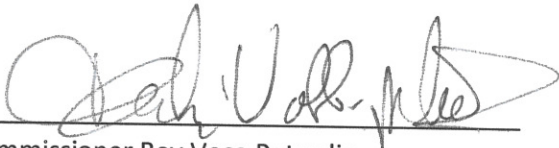
Authority Secretary Katie Patti



Commissioner Kelley McIntosh

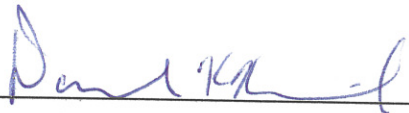


Commissioner Brooke Quigley



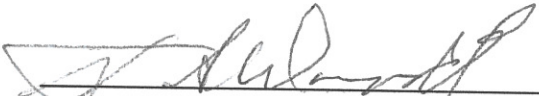
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Commissioner Bev Voss-Petredis



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Commissioner Daniel Kewish



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Commissioner Thomas Wampold