



North Mason Regional Fire Authority (NMRFA)

Meeting Minutes

14880 NE North Shore Rd

4/21/2015

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

Excused: Katie Patti

Guests: Richard Bensen

The meeting was called to order at 5:04pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from 4/14/15 will be presented for approval at the meeting in May.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Chief Bakken went over the Budget Survey for April (reflecting March figures). One point of interest was the Timber Revenue coming in at \$116,565; this was significantly more than expected. Still, we don't intend to be dependent on it. Some areas in North Mason are vulnerable to mudslides, but not necessarily those areas where timber is being cut. We're waiting for the first half of the taxes to come in and we're in a good position.

We are at 27% of expenditures to date. We are paying overtime but not benefits to paramedics due to being short staffed. We are down to three paramedics until mid-May and they are doing an excellent job given this situation. We have 11 applications for paramedic positions and we'll need help with assessment centers at the end of May.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT:

Andrew Douglas: Andrew injured his left shoulder on a call. Apparently everything is torn and he will require surgery and three months off at least. This will be covered by L&I. We will re-evaluate his situation after three months, according to our return-to-work policy and process.

OLD BUSINESS:

Steering Committee: We had a Steering Committee meeting regarding consolidation and all the sub committees reported. Central Mason is in the process of planning to pass their EMS Levy in August. They will be asking for \$.50 per 1,000 of assessed valuation instead of the current \$.25. This will require meeting a 60% threshold of voter approval. If the levy fails, they plan to try for the same levy of \$.50 in November, again requiring a 60% voter approval, rather than going for the lower \$.25, their current amount, which requires a lesser voter threshold for approval.

The merger talks will continue but at a slower pace as we all note the results of the levy process. The two boards would determine the administrative staff should there be a merger.

Both Boards of Commissioners should come up with their lists of items upon which they would not negotiate should talks continue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gurney Surplus Request: Three of our gurneys are in need of replacement. We would like to surplus the old gurneys and request approval from the Board to do so.

Commissioner Voss-Petredis made a motion to surplus the gurneys as requested; Commissioner Wampold seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Good of the Order:

Chief Bakken informed the board that FF/PM Ryan Cloud has recently taken three heart attack patients into emergency care (two in one day). He provided outstanding, critical care to save the lives and health of his patients. It was recommended the board send a letter commending Ryan for his actions; Commissioner McIntosh will write the letter on behalf of the board.

CRT Training: We will be advertising that CRT training will begin again in mid-June. Applications can be accessed on the website.

May Board Meetings: Commissioner Quigley is unable to attend the board meetings in May and requested that she be excused.

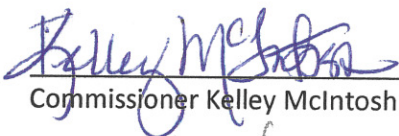
Commissioner Wampold made a motion to excuse Commissioner Quigley from both May Board meetings; Commissioner Voss-Petredis seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Public Comment: None

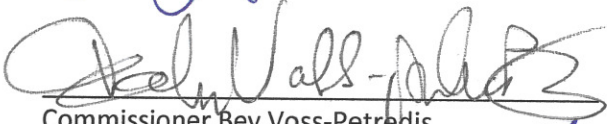
Commissioner Wampold moved to adjourn; Commissioner Kewish seconded the motion. Motion Approved and the meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm.



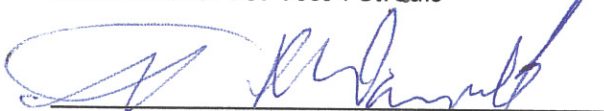
Authority Secretary Katie Patti



Commissioner Kelley McIntosh

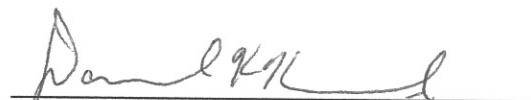


Commissioner Bev Voss-Petredis



Commissioner Thomas Wampold

Commissioner Brooke Quigley



Commissioner Daniel Kewish