



North Mason Regional Fire Authority (NMRFA)

Meeting Minutes - Revised

460 NE Old Belfair Hwy

7/14/15

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

Excused: Asst. Chief Cooper

Guests: AmeriCorps Volunteers Amie Ammen and Ashlee Jones and Cpt. Jeromy Hicks, Community Members: Merrill Wallace and Herb Gerhardt

The meeting was called to order at 4:59pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting minutes from June 6th and June 16th were presented for approval. There were no questions.

Commissioner Quigley moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Wampold seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Vouchers- Vouchers numbered #1507004 to #1507090 in the amount of \$254,102.05 for the month of July were presented for approval.

Commissioner Wampold moved to approve the vouchers as presented; Commissioner Voss-Petredis seconded the motion. Motion approved.

AmeriCorps Presentation: Amie and Ashlee began their presentation by commenting that July 31st will be the end of their service term. They whole heartedly thanked the Commissioners for being so supportive of this program and their participation. They provided a report of their services that they have accomplished throughout the year that included statistical data (*Attached*).

FINANCIAL REPORT: A complete financial report will be presented at the July 21st meeting.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT:

Firefighter Hiring Process: We continue to take applications for the entry level firefighter position. Cpt. Cleveland is heading up the assessment center that is set to occur on August 11th and 12th. Candidates will take a written test on July 29th and those who pass will move on to the assessment center.

Tahuya Day: We had wonderful success at this event. There was an unbelievable turnout and great weather. Thank you to all who participated and attended to enjoy the festivities.

Fourth of July Update: We increased our personnel and we made it through just fine. Other than a brush fire in Trails End it was an uneventful day for the Authority.

Burn Ban and 4th of July Firework Ban: Chief spoke about the burn ban and a fireworks ban. There are many factors involved which can complicate the matter. If a ban is to be done it needs to occur on January 1st, well in advance of the holiday.

Commissioner Voss-Petredis asked if/when recreational fires will be allowed. Chief suspected that due to the heat index the burn ban for recreation fires is currently active and he anticipates will continue for quite some time.

Student Firefighter Lindsay Muller is currently on Tahuya Blacksmith Road working with DNR and other agencies on a brush fire. Chief Bakken remarked that DNR has changed their thought process and have been quick to hire firefighters and bring in heavy equipment to fight brush fires much sooner than years past.

MACECOM Rate Setting and 2016 Budget Approval: MACECOM approved the new rate structure which for us will include a 1% increase.

Strategic Planning: Chief Bakken reported the planning committee is near completion of the final strategic plan document. There is a theme of the "One RFA" throughout the document that we carry through our goals. We hope to approve and adopt this at the August meeting.

Commissioner Quigley remarked that she appreciates the organic nature of the document and the work that has been done. Chief would like feedback on the plan at next week's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mason Transit: They are researching a location for a park and ride system in Belfair. They have been in a temporary agreement with a local church in the area to use their back parking lot. They hope to accomplish this with Grant funding. Local businessman Brian Peterson has been assisting the transit dept. with land options. One of the properties proposed is the field located next to Station 21. Chief met with the land owner, whom we've had a good relationship with, and reaffirmed our interest in purchasing the land should it ever become available. No action needs to be taken this is for info only.

Public Comment: Herb Gerhardt suggested we make an arrangement with the owner for property rights.

Tahuya Store: There was a group discussion regarding how the meeting went. The Commissioners and Chief were in agreement that the support and feedback was positive. Commissioner McIntosh wants to ensure we do not lose momentum on the project and requested we keep moving forward. The Commissioners requested that Chief meet with the County Building Department to discuss what we can do with the land and explore options. He will also determine the costs to have the Tahuya Store demolished and finally, he will engage with the Community Club to explore options. More information to follow.

Executive Session: The Board of Commissioners went in to Executive Session at 5:50pm for the duration of fifteen minutes Per RCW 42.30.110(g). No action will be taken.

Present: Chief Bakken, Commissioner's McIntosh, Quigley, Wampold, Kewish, and Voss-Petredis, Executive Assistant Patti

The Board came out of Executive Session at 6:05pm. No action was taken.

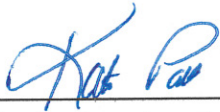
The Board (same members identified above) went back in to Executive Session at 6:05pm for forty – three minutes for further discussion on the matter Per RCW 42.30.110(g).

The Commissioners came out of Executive Session at 6:48pm. No action was taken.

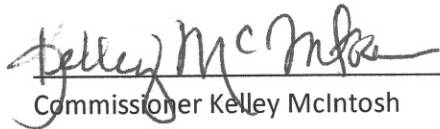
Public Comment: None

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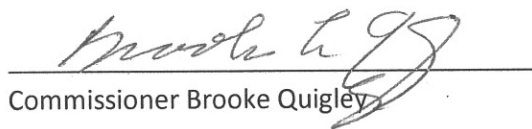
Commissioner Quigley moved to adjourn; Commissioner Voss-Petredis seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:48pm.



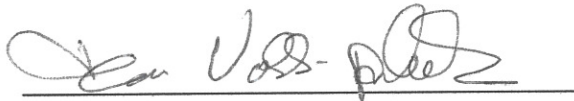
Authority Secretary Katie Patti



Commissioner Kelley McIntosh



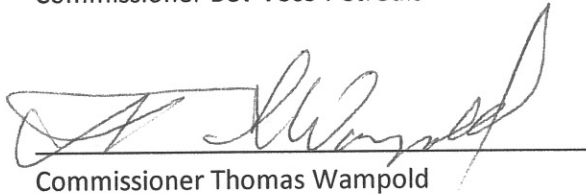
Commissioner Brooke Quigley



Commissioner Bev Voss-Petredis



Commissioner Daniel Kewish



Commissioner Thomas Wampold