



North Mason Regional Fire Authority (NMRFA)

Meeting Minutes

460 NE Old Belfair Hwy

8/11/2015

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

Guests: Merrill Wallace, Herb Gearhardt

The meeting was called to order at 5:01pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting minutes from July 14th were amended to accurately reflect time spent in executive session and presented for approval in addition to the minutes from the July 21th meeting.

Commissioner Wampold moved to approve the meeting minutes as amended and presented.

Commissioner Quigley seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Vouchers- Vouchers numbered #1508001 to #1508087 for the month of August were presented in the amount of \$268,979.28.

Commissioner Quigley asked if we have made the final payment to BERK. Chief Bakken reported we still have a few payments remaining once the final work is complete on the Strategic Plan. Commissioner Quigley asked for further information on the warrant to Sigtronics. Assistant Chief Cooper reported the vendor provides radio headsets for our apparatus and this particular purchase was headsets for the ambulance being built.

Commissioner Wampold moved to approve the vouchers as presented; Commissioner Quigley seconded the motion. Motion approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Chief Bakken has received the financials from the County and will be prepared to discuss them in detail at the meeting next week.

Commissioner Quigley asked where the money would come from for the Tahuya project. Chief Bakken remarked the Capital Fund could be used. It was also noted, when the Tahuya store project is complete the fund would be depleted and we would have to build it back up. He added there are options to pay ½ cash and ½ loans.

Commissioner McIntosh arrived at 5:07pm.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT:

Firefighter Hiring Process: Executive Assistant Patti attended the assessment center at Theler Community Center and provided an update on the process. Candidates who were successful at today's event will be invited to come in tomorrow for a second assessment at Station 21.

Taste of Hood Canal: The taste happened this past weekend. The day included a pancake breakfast, a bbq and raffle by the Belfair Volunteer FF Association and the Local featured a dunk tank and raffle. Thank you to Volunteer Coordinator Tina Miller, Cpt. Jeromy Hicks and the numerous volunteer and career individuals who planned and attended making this event a success.

Commissioner Kewish arrived at 5:13pm.

Tahuya Salmon Bake: It was brought to Chief's attention that the salmon at this upcoming event is cooked using a wood fire and with a full burn ban we are unsure what our options are for the event. We have a call in to DNR to discuss and an update was provided to Tahuya Community Club President Bob Newbill.

July 31st Fire's: Chief Bakken provided an update on the fires that occurred on July 31st starting with the large fire at Peninsula Topsoil. The career and volunteer personnel who came in during the day were able to provide a break to those who were on scene at 1:30am. Once the fire was under control they received a call for mutual aid for a garbage fire at the Olympic Transfer Station in Kitsap County. To end the already busy shift, crews responded to a brush fire that we were able to quickly knock down and turn over to DNR.

Chief Bakken shared his concern with the size and management of slash piles in the hope to eliminate situations like this in the future. We hope to have some discussions with several business owners to collectively explore safer options.

CRT Graduation: Five new CRT members graduated last week. A special thanks to Cpt. Ehresman and the team for their hard work.

SKYPE with Stations: We have added Skype capabilities at Stations 21, 81 and 27. This technology will allow the stations to remain staffed on site while still maintaining communication with one another.

Bids for a new medic unit: The bid process for a brand new ambulance will be open tomorrow. As a reminder this was previously approved at the May Commissioner meeting. From the time of the award, it will take approximately 265 days until receipt of the unit.

Labor Grievance: There are two grievances that have been brought forward and are moving to Step 3. Chief Bakken asked the grievance committee can discuss dates to review.

Tahuya Store Project: Chief's Bakken, Assistant Chief Cooper and Cpt. Hicks met with Mason County officials (Health Dept., Building dept.) today. We are excited to learn we can use the old septic system following a pump test. We would need to install a surge tank that handles overflow. The asbestos and abatement test has been completed and we will know results on this week.

RFA Process: Chief Bakken and Asst. Chief Cooper met with Chief McKern and Asst. Chief Patti to talk about the future of the RFA. Chief McKern reported there are stumbling blocks to forming within the union mainly concerning social security. The overall message was now was not the right time to join

agencies. Chief Bakken added we have benefited by growing partnerships with Central Mason as an example, Asst. Chief's Cooper and Patti plan to continue to meet from an operations standpoint.

The commissioners were in agreement that this was not the right time. And although the levy passed their financial situation remains unchanged and there is still a lot of debt to manage and hurdles they need to overcome. While this is disappointing, at the end of the day we are able to keep moving forward with no impact.

CAC Meeting: Commissioner Quigley reported that a topic that comes up in the CAC regularly is the feeling that Belfair/Tahuya residents should not have to pay for another districts debt. They are proud of how we manage our finances and resources. Commissioner Quigley asked that the CAC members receive an update on the Salmon Bake and to please ensure the meetings are listed on the website.

County Wide Meeting: Commissioner McIntosh provided a report from the County Wide Commissioner Meeting she attended. The meeting did not have good representation by the Fire Commissioners. She reported an equestrian group was in attendance. They provided live animal rescue to during the Matlock fire. They will be working with DEM to come up with a plan for Mason County. The next meeting is scheduled for October 21st at 6pm. She also reported she will be attending the WFCA Annual Conference being held at the Tulalip Resort in October. Commissioner Quigley will also be in attendance and would like to work with Chief Bakken and Executive Asst. Patti on the Management Excellence award for the conference. They will meet this week to discuss.

Good of the Order:

Commissioner McIntosh will be Skyping in for the meeting next week.

Josh Hasbrook, Union President stopped in to the meeting to provide a brief update to the Board on some of the recent events.

- Peninsula Top Soil Fire: The Chiefs were recognized for their assistance and support at the Peninsula Top Soil Fire.
- New Ambulance: The crews are excited to hear we will be receiving a new ambulance.
- Taste of Hood Canal Dunk Tank: He reported this was the first time the Local will have a booth at the event. They will be raising money to go into a benevolent fund. They have not identified with a charity/cause yet.
- MDA Fill the Boot: In July the firefighters participated in a fill the boot event raising \$1,900. He remarked the money made here goes back into our community.

Commissioner Voss-Petredis thanked the crews for their hard work and support.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Wampold moved to adjourn; Commissioner Quigley seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:07pm.

BOARD FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

Present: Assistant Chief Cooper, Commissioner McIntosh, Volunteer Criess, Executive Assistant Patti

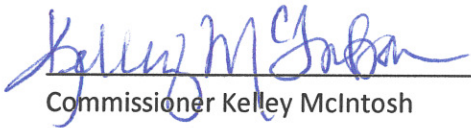
Two Volunteer physicals were presented for approval.

Assistant Chief Cooper moved to approve the physicals as presented. Volunteer Criess seconded the motion. Motion approved.

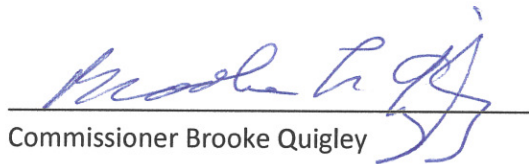
Assistant Chief Cooper moved to adjourn; Volunteer Criess seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 6:10pm.



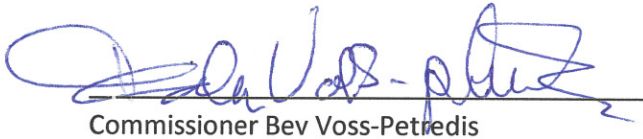
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Commissioner Kelley McIntosh



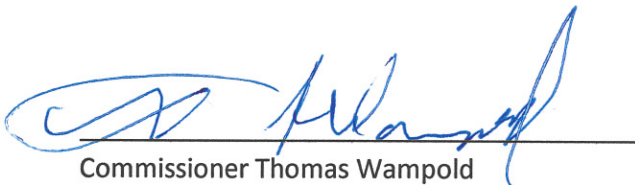
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Commissioner Bev Voss-Petredis



Commissioner Daniel Kewish



Commissioner Thomas Wampold