



North Mason Regional Fire Authority (NMRFA)

Meeting Minutes

14880 NE North Shore Rd, Tahuya

8/18/15

Present: Commissioners Kewish, McIntosh (via Skype), Quigley, Voss-Petredis, Wampold; Fire Chief Bakken, Asst. Chief Cooper, Executive Assistant Patti

Guests: Merrill Wallace, Becky Newbill

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

Vouchers- A second batch of Vouchers numbered #1508088 to #1508090 for the month of August were presented in the amount of \$5,969.01.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT: We received another \$24k in Timber revenue. We currently have \$2 million in the bank and have done very well on line items year to date. Chief Bakken reported he and Executive Assistant Patti will increase our investment amount in the WA State Pool.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT:

Tahuya Salmon Bake: Chief Bakken thanked the numerous volunteers including Tahuya Community Club members who helped make the bake a success. 200 tickets were sold. Commissioner Kewish saved the day by getting a huge grill we could use to cook the fish in a safe manner. Commissioner Kewish acknowledged the individuals in charge of filleting the fish did an amazing job!

Tahuya Community Club member Becky Newbill was in attendance. She added we did a great job and they appreciated the Fire Authority's help.

Fire Truck/Equipment Concern: Chief Bakken provided some information on the equipment and apparatus that was previously housed at Station 81. Asst. Chief Cooper provided details on the various apparatus that has been relocated and the reasons behind any relocation's. The relocations include; the replacement of the 2005 ambulance with our newest unit a 2013 North Star Ambulance. We also replaced the 1990 tender with a 2000 tender because the old tender has a smaller pump and it does not deliver water like we need in this area. We still have the 99 E1 Engine as it maneuvers well on hills and turns.

Commissioner Voss-Petredis added the RFA has done wonders for the Tahuya area. She is very appreciative.

Tahuya Store: Chief Cooper reported the results from the environmental testing confirmed there is asbestos in the ceiling and the floor tiles. All other areas that were tested came back negative. The next step is to find out how much it would cost to do abatement and whether we will need to go to bid.

Strategic Plan: The review and approval of the Strategic Plan has been tabled until September.

Personnel Request: Chief Bakken made a request to the Board for approval to hire a second firefighter in addition to the one we have budgeted for. We have some very qualified applicants to select from. Chief further explained the current numbers of staff on shifts and his desire to have six personnel per shift. Commissioner Wampold asked if hiring a second firefighter would cut down on overtime. Chief Bakken reported this is correct, overtime would be reduced.

Commissioner Wampold moved to approve the hiring of a second firefighter; Commissioner Voss-Petredis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tahuya Surplus Update: Chief Cooper reported there are still items from the store that we have up for surplus. This includes the walk in cooler. The feedback he has received on the cooler has been to sell the unit for scrap metal due to the cooler sitting inactive for ten years. We recently sold the ice machine for \$100.00.

Public Comment: Becky Newbill asked how someone could contact candidates running for a position. The information is located on the Auditors website.

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Grievance Update: After the Commissioner meeting last Tuesday, Chief got a chance to meet with the Union until about 10pm. The minimum staffing grievance will move forward however, the second grievance regarding overtime will be dropped. The Union Rep asked Chief Bakken to pass along to the Board that there will be times when they will disagree on issues but overall they are appreciative of the relationship we have. Dates for reviewing the grievance were discussed.

Candidates Forum: NM Community Voice is holding a forum for candidates running for election on September 24th at the new high school at 6pm. All are invited.

WFCA Annual Conference: Executive Assistant Patti provided information on the upcoming Fire Commissioners conference being held on October 21-24th in Tulalip, WA. If you are interested in attending please let her know. Commissioner McIntosh and Quigley have signed up to attend.

RFA: Chief Bakken reported there has been no further communication on the merger.

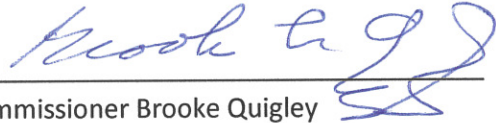
Commissioner Wampold moved to adjourn; Commissioner Voss-Petredis seconded the motion.
Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm.



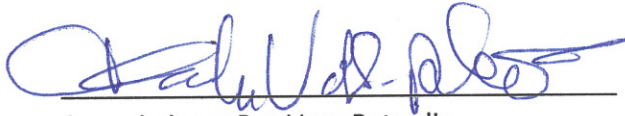
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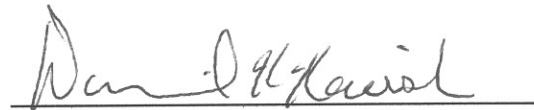
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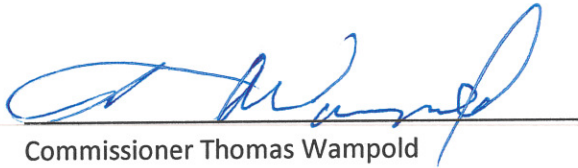
Commissioner Brooke Quigley



Commissioner Bev Voss-Petredis



Commissioner Daniel Kewish



Commissioner Thomas Wampold