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Meeting Minutes

10/15/13

**Present:** Commissioner's Blackwell, Burrus, Hamilton, McIntosh; Chief Bakken, Assistant Chief Cooper and Executive Assistant Katie Patti

**Excused:** Commissioner Quigley

The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm.

**Commissioner Blackwell moved to approve the meeting minutes from October 8, 2013 as presented; Commissioner Burrus seconded the motion; motion carried.**

**Commissioner Burrus moved to approve 1 (one) voucher #1309095 in the amount of \$171,141.48; Commissioner Hamilton seconded the motion; motion approved.**

## FINANCIAL REPORT:

Chief Bakken provided the financial update. He noted we are in the final stretch of the year and have had good carryovers. Timber tax has been coming in which is good. Next month we will collect the second half of our taxes. Katie has been working on processing the fire reimbursement from DNR for mobilization. This will bring a reimbursement of approximately \$10,000.00. He also noted that as we spend grant monies through the SAFER Program we will request monies for reimbursement via electronic funds transfers.

Chief Bakken discussed what next year's financials will look like should the RFA pass. He indicated that while services will go up, funding will go down. An example of this is the discontinuance of the Fire/EMS levy in District 8. In building the budget, he and the captains have kept this in mind, ensuring we are spending wisely.

We have been notified that the State Auditor will be on site October 22<sup>nd</sup> to conduct our audit. They will hold an entrance conference and an exit conference. We will let you know the schedule once it is available. They will be reviewing FY2011 and FY2012.

## EMPLOYEES:

Chief Bakken reported on some challenges we have been facing with our healthcare insurance plan. In early October we received notice that the WAHIT trust provided Premera insurance plan that we now have, has been deemed to be in non-compliance with the new federal healthcare regulations. This means that our current Premera plan must be discontinued as a result. Following a meeting with our

Brokers from Albers - we have also learned that the WAHIT trust we belong to is also dissolving. Chief Bakken, Katie and the Union are working together to quickly find a solution for employees. Some of the options include providing insurance through the WA Health Plan Exchange – the rates are great and they have a Premera plan that is similar, if not slightly better than what we are currently offering.

#### **NMRFA Update:**

We are coming up on our last weekend for distributing information on the NMRFA. This past weekend a group of folks went out to the Dewatto, Collins Lake & TRV neighborhoods. It was a great day and we had nothing but positive comments and support. This weekend we will meet at Station 21 at 9:30am. We will travel to the Tri Lakes area and the downtown Belfair area.

Chief Bakken provided an update to Commissioner Hamilton, who was unable to attend last week's meeting on the RFA Draft Budget that was distributed.

Chief Bakken feels it is beneficial to have District 2 Commissioners attend District 8's Commissioner Meeting for the months of November and December. If you are interested in carpooling please let him know.

Commissioner McIntosh expressed that when we become a Board of 8, we must set the tone and example going forward. Ideas on how to accomplish this were discussed with the underlying message that communication will be paramount to fostering positive relationships amongst the board, staff and the community. She also believes a Commissioner retreat would be helpful. Ideas were shared on how to best "kick off" the RFA.

We received a call from a citizen who stated he was very happy with the RFA formation and donated \$100 to the campaign.

#### **Commissioner Conferences and Training Opportunities:**

With a Board of 8 it is important and fiscally responsible for each commissioner to attend 1 meeting a year and bring that information back to the group. Ideas were discussed on how to best accomplish this task that included a subcommittee that decides events and attendees. Many of the conference dates are published well in advance which helps in laying out a calendar for the year.

#### **STATION 27 GENERATOR**

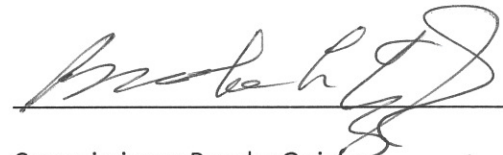
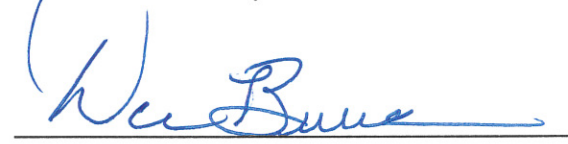
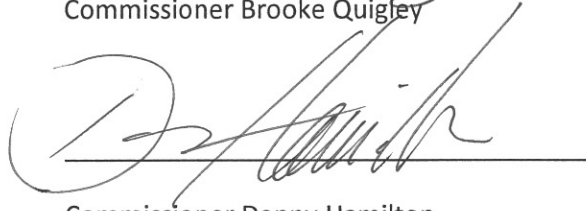
Station 27 has a very old generator – Chief Bakken would like to reuse this generator in a different location and would like to purchase a new generator. On two separate occasions when the power went out the generator only kicked in once. Chief Bakken requested a directive from the Board to purchase a propane generator that would cost around \$10,000.00. Chief Bakken noted this item falls within the bid threshold and there are monies available to make this purchase. The Board provided direction to purchase the generator.

## **CERT/CRT Meeting**

Commissioner Hamilton spoke with a couple of CERT members who are having a planning meeting this coming Monday. He is curious on what it will entail and will be in attendance. Captain Ehresman will be facilitating this meeting. We will provide oversight to the CRT group starting next year. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6pm here at Station 21.

**Commissioner Burrus moved to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Blackwell seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

Meeting adjourned 6:04pm.

  
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Commissioner Brooke Quigley  
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Commissioner Dan Burrus  
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Commissioner Denny Hamilton  
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Commissioner Shelby Blackwell