



NORTH MASON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY
Regular Meeting Minutes: 04/11/2023

Present: Commissioners Paul Severson, Bob Miller, John Inch, Dan Kewish, Chief Bakken, Chief Cooper, and Executive Assistant Katie Musgrave

Via Zoom Conferencing: Commissioner Kelley McIntosh, and Advisory Member Brooke Quigley.

Absent: None

Guest: None

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

March meeting minutes were reviewed. A correction on Resolution 23-02 was noted as being signed by Commissioner Miller; however, he was not present during the resolution vote. **Commissioner Miller moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented and to include the noted correction amendment to Resolution 23-02. Commissioner Inch seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

FINANCIALS

Financial vouchers were presented and reviewed.

Commissioner McIntosh moved to approve Voucher Number 230401001 to 230401084 in the amount of \$461,973.13. Commissioner Kewish seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Wildfire Ready Neighbors - DNR Partnership: Chief Bakken shared about the event that took place on 4/8/23 at Tahuya Fire Station. CRT staff cooked breakfast for guests. 50-60 people were in attendance, including Mason County Sheriff and Mason County Conservation District. The program is led by DNR with a website (www.wildfireready.com) for community members to access additional wildfire readiness support.

The Hoppening: The HUB hosted the annual Hoppening event on 4/8/2023. CRT staff cooked 300 hotdogs for community members attending the event. Commissioner Inch recommended we have a sign with the suggested donation amount for future events. Overall, the event was a great success for the community.

Health Equity Zone: The deadline for application is on 4/23/2023. This is a ground-level health care initiative for new and existing programs. They are offering multi-year funding, and sustainable funding opportunities post this grant. NMRFA will be applying to support MIHP.

Station 81 Update: Chief Cooper provided an update on Phase 1 of the remodel. Chief Cooper, Jeff Yates, and Eric Nelson did a walk-through to identify the key items to be addressed in the remodel to include, flooring, cabinets, bathrooms, walls, drop ceilings and technology needs. Phase 2 of the project will include the community hall portion of the building.

PUD & DNR Fire Response: MACECOM is changing how they dispatch to PUD and DNR. DNR will be dispatched as requested by incident commanders during off peak season calls. June through October DNR will automatically dispatch DNR to wildfire calls. PUD will only be dispatched by on a request by an incident commander year-round.

Keith Langhorn Retirement: After 30 years of service, Keith is set to retire. We are planning to celebrate him soon.

NEW BUSINESS

Washington State Fire Training Academy Update: Chief Cooper testified with one other person to support funding for the Washington State Fire Training Academy. Unfortunately, funding was cut for the regional training program. Chief Cooper is working to coordinate a weekend academy to replace the regional training program, that would be hosted by NMRFA. This would be a significant savings in our training budget as we would not have to pay for our recruits to attend. Chief Cooper is expecting the training to take place in September. The exact location for the program still needs to be confirmed.

OLD BUSINESS

Mason County Use of Old Station 21: Mason Co Commissioners acknowledged and reviewed the letter sent to them by NMRFA Commissioners in their 3/6/2023 meeting. NMRFA has received no communications from Mason Co responding to the request in the letter. Commissioner Severson recommended giving them one more month before we respond with a second letter. Commissioner McIntosh stated that the community voted on the building being used in a specific way, and hopefully, that would guide Mason County's decision on how to move forward with the use of the building. NMRFA Board agreed it would be good to invite Mark Neary to join a future board meeting to further review the delay.

WFCA/Region 9: Commissioner McIntosh reported on the Region 9 Workshop that took place on 3/25/2023. A two-panel discussion took place, ER Responses and Corporate Business of Health Care. Chief Bakken, Commissioner McIntosh, and Commissioner Severson attended. The WFCA

Spring Saturday Conference will be on 4/22/2023 at the Suquamish Casino and Resort. Chief Bakken, Adam Boyd, PA-C, and Abe Gardner will be presenting. The Chelan conference is coming in June.

CAC Meeting: The NMRFA hosted the Community Action Committee meeting on 4/10/2023. Chief Cooper and Commissioner McIntosh attended. The agenda included the PUD link for Mason County Live Road Conditions. The livestream is available at

<https://www.pud3.org/service/in-your-community/mason-county-live-road-conditions>

Additionally, the meeting covered the Authority Dinner, staff hiring and promotions, grant awards, Station 81 remodel, MIHP Suburban, Wildland Fire, new mask directive and changes with academy.

Fire Commissioners Handbook Update: New handbooks were distributed to the commissioners.


Staffing Updates: Chief Bakken updated the newest staffing changes. Danielle Stumpf is no longer with the Authority. Tavia Henry is now the paramedic on C shift. Jeff Yates has returned to the NMRFA and is currently at Station 81. Jeff has relocated the Authority's archived documents from Station 23 to Station 21. This was quite an undertaking. Now the docs can be reviewed for retention and digital archiving. We are looking into a grant opportunity with the State of WA that opens from time to time. They digitally archive and retain your documents with the grant award.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Commissioner Severson asked if we could have an MIHP and RAP update soon. It is scheduled for the next meeting in April.

Commissioner Miller asked about the WSDOT letter regarding the delay of the freight corridor. There were some community discussions happening about drafting letters to keep the funding in place. Chief Bakken shared the funding is back on track for a 2028 timeline, for the possibility of a delay into 2035.

With no further business, Commissioner Severson moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner McIntosh seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned: 6:11 pm



Authority Secretary Katie Musgrave

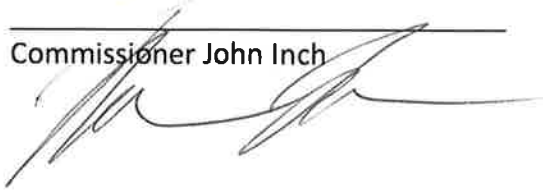
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