



# North Mason Fire

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## NORTH MASON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY Regular Meeting Minutes: 06/20/2023

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

Via Zoom Conferencing: Commissioners Kelley McIntosh and Paul Severson.

**Absent:** None

**Guests:** MIHP Adam Boyd, PA-C

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

### FINANCIALS

Financial vouchers were presented and reviewed.

**Commissioner Miller moved to approve Voucher Numbers 230602001 to 230602010 in the amount of \$8,125.18. Commissioner Inch seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

**Smoke Alarm and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Bid:** Chief Bakken presented the one bid that was received for the Smoke Alarm and Carbon Monoxide Alarm grant program. The bid was received from Scott McLendon's Hardware in the amount of \$120,928.68 for 4,000 smoke alarms and 500 Carbon Monoxide Alarms. CRT members Kristi Jacobson and Brian Holt will be leading the fire prevention campaign that includes the distribution and installation of smoke and Co2 alarms. The Board took action to "accept and award" the bid in the amount of \$120,928.68.

**Commissioner McIntosh moved to approve the bid in the amount of \$120,928.68. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**North Mason Firefighter Association Meeting:** Chief Bakken shared the NMFFA meeting is scheduled for June 22 at 6 pm at Station 21. Everyone (wildland, volunteer, career, administration, commissioners) is a member of the Association and is encouraged to participate. The Association is the fundraising arm of the Authority. They provide items to the Authority that we are not able to procure due to state law. Additionally, the NMFFA funds the Neighbors Helping

Neighbors program and campaigns and, because of the 501c3 status, can accept donations and grant funding on behalf of the Authority. We aim to increase participation in the Association meetings.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**PA Program Report:** Adam Boyd, PA-C, shared about the recent Zoll Conference in Denver, CO where he and Capt. Ehresman presented at. He shared a few recent case studies that involved frequent 9-1-1 callers that are not seeking primary care. NMRFA EMS crews are making referrals to Adam and Abe Gardner. The Mobile Integrated Health Program gives patients the tools, resources, and support they need to address their physical and mental health needs. Adam is seeing positive results with a reduction in 9-1-1 activations from people who have been incorrectly using the EMS system. Adam is spending a great deal of time with patients, 30 minutes to an hour, in comparison to the standard 15-minute visit that is the primary care standard. Adam is bridging patients' medication needs between primary care visits. Adam shared that mobile X-ray and mobile ultrasound are two components of the MIHP that are coming soon to the program.

Commissioner Inch asked if MIHP is getting referrals from the hospitals. Adam reported, not as of yet, but we are hopeful to get this in place soon.

Commissioner McIntosh asked if we are working directly with Mason General. Adam responded that we are not getting referrals from Mason General and that most of our released patients are coming from St. Michael's in Silverdale.

**Chelan WFCA Conference:** Commissioner McIntosh shared that she and Commissioner Inch attended the conference. The event was very leadership focused.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Station 21 Lease Proposal:** Chief Bakken shared he has submitted the lease agreement with revision recommendations to Mason County. Mark Neary and Randy Neatherlin toured the station last week.

**Retention Meeting:** Commissioner Miller shared about the West Sound Tech partnership. Prior to the pandemic, there was a firefighter cadet program. There is a new opportunity for partnership with West Sound Tech. The next Retention Committee meeting is scheduled for Aug 17, 2023.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

**Staff Mental Wellness Donation:** Chief Bakken shared the massage chair has been delivered to Station 21. This was a donated gift from Lois. This is for the well-being of our staff.

**WFOA Update:** Commissioner McIntosh shared the Annual WFOA Conference is scheduled for August 25-28, 2023. She requested to share any fresh ideas for presentations.

Commissioner McIntosh shared the Education Committee is meeting on July 6, 2023, and will support planning for the Annual WFOA Conference.

**With no further business, Commissioner McIntosh moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Inch seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 pm.**

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