



# North Mason Fire

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## NORTH MASON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY Regular Meeting Minutes: 07/11/2023

**Present:** Commissioners Paul Severson, Bob Miller, Dan Kewish, and Kelley McIntosh  
Chief Bakken, Chief Cooper, and Executive Assistant Katie Musgrave

**Absent:** John Inch

**Guests:** Via Zoom Conferencing: Advisory Member Brooke Quigley

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

**Commissioner McIntosh moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Kewish seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

### FINANCIALS

Financial vouchers were presented and reviewed. Commissioner Miller inquired about the Bruce Titus Ford voucher for \$477.49 and the National Hose Testing Specialties Inc voucher for \$17,091.00. Chief Bakken stated maintenance was completed on the 2019 Ford ambulance, and the National Hose Testing voucher was for the Authority's hose testing, per the NFPA standard, and is conducted annually.

**Commissioner McIntosh moved to approve Voucher Numbers 230701001 to 230701088 in the amount of \$445,565.61. Commissioner Severson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

**Tahuya Day:** Chief Bakken reported on a very successful Tahuya Day. The event raised over \$2,800 for the Firefighters Association.

**Cheney Foundation Grant:** A Letter of Inquiry has been submitted to the Cheney Foundation for \$30,000 to support the Mobile Integrated Health Program vehicle build-out. We have been granted a meeting with Brad Cheney, Erika Tucci, and one of their board members scheduled for next week.

**Mason County Wildfire:** The MacEwan Fire burned 250 acres. Crews are still on scene mopping up the fire.

**Mason County Burn Restrictions:** Chief Bakken shared that at this time, Mason County is the only county in Washington State to have a full burn ban in effect. The full burn ban is expected to last through the end of summer. NMRFA has a small brush fire near the shooting range, same location as last year. The fire was knocked out quickly.

**Captain Fulkerson Departure:** Chief Bakken shared that Captain Fulkerson's sendoff celebration was a special event. Today, Chief Fulkerson swore in at South Mason EMS & Fire.

**Captains Assessment Center:** On July 24<sup>th</sup>, the Captains Assessment Center is scheduled to take place.

**Summerfest:** The North Mason Firefighters Association will be serving pancakes at the Hood Canal Summerfest event on Aug 12<sup>th</sup> at Belfair State Park. New this year, we will be serving our famous Tahuya Burgers and hotdogs as well. We will have an additional booth that will highlight the Fire Prevention Smoke Detector Program.

**State and Federal Audit Update:** Chief Bakken updated that the Federal Audit is expected to take place in 2024, not this year as we had initially thought. The State audit will be conducted in the fall, starting in September or October.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Station 21 Lease Proposal:** Chief Bakken shared that Sherrif Spurling and Commissioner Randy Neatherlin have conducted a recent walk-through of the station. They are anticipating moving into the building sooner than initially expected.

**Tahuya Station Remodel:** Chief Cooper shared that Design Works is putting together a bid for the project.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Advisory Member Brooke Quigley commented on the CAC meeting that took place the night before. She stated there was a good presence from Tahuya community members.

Commissioner McIntosh shared that the WFCA Education Committee is working through two issues at this time, labor management and lawsuits regarding a lack of oversight. On Wednesday, there will be a roundtable meeting to address the issues. Chief Bakken suggested a county-wide committee to support the current situation.


**Closed Session:** The board entered into a closed session at 5:38 pm to discuss the IAFF 3876 Labor Negotiations.

The closed session ended at 6:01 pm.


**With no further business, Commissioner Severson adjourned the meeting at 6:02 pm.**

  
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