



# North Mason Fire

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## NORTH MASON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY Regular Meeting Minutes: 07/18/2023

**Present:** Commissioners Paul Severson, Dan Kewish, \*John Inch, and Kelley McIntosh  
Chief Bakken, Chief Cooper, and Executive Assistant Katie Musgrave  
Via Zoom Conferencing: Commissioner Bob Miller and Advisory Member Brooke Quigley

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

Meeting was called to order at 4:58 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### FINANCIALS

Financial vouchers were presented and reviewed.

**Commissioner McIntosh moved to approve Voucher Numbers 230702001 to 230702010 in the amount of \$16,532.72. Commissioner Kewish seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Chief Bakken presented the July 2023 Financial Report. He stated that budget revenue is on track at 60% of budgeted tax revenue. The timber tax is not coming in as aggressively as in past years. GEMT funding is ahead, and ambulance revenue is ahead by 6%.

Chief Bakken indicated that expenses are at 56% of the budget, with 0% of the contingency budget being used to date. Half of the bond fund payment was made in June, with the next half due in December. We are nearing close out of the Station 21 construction project with \$31,100 remaining in the budget.

Commissioner McIntosh asked if we have had an increase in the budget collected. Chief Bakken stated that the collection amount increased by \$40,000.

Commissioner McIntosh asked how the insurance investment pool is doing. Chief Bakken shared that it is good at this time, with interest revenue coming in strong. The carry-over is not earmarked for anything as of yet.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:**

**MIHP Update:** Chief Bakken shared that the Cheney Foundation meeting went well last week. We are expecting to receive a full invitation to apply in October with funding in December. We are making progress with our connections at St. Michael's regarding patients being discharged and connecting them to the MIHP to prevent readmission. Regence Health Insurance heard about the program and has reached out to Adam to learn more about the program and how we can partner. We are scheduled to present to the Cascade Pacific Action Alliance in August. Additionally, we have made connections with the UW School of Nursing. They are looking to research our program. That meeting is scheduled for September.

Commissioner McIntosh asked if other districts have approached us for a county-wide MIHP effort. Chief Bakken stated that we have not yet but are open to collaboration with other districts.

Chief Bakken shared the MIHP has new hours of availability. Monday through Thursday will be 8 am to 4 pm. And Saturday and Sunday will be available to support the crews from 8 am to noon. This schedule will offer more coverage as we are seeing the program gain momentum.

**Psych ARNP Program:** A Psych ARNP has been identified to support the community's mental health needs. She wants to stay local in Mason County. The proposal has been submitted to the County for review. There is a significant need for this program in Mason County. VMFH has offered funding to support this program.

**Overdose Awareness Day:** Chief Bakken shared that Overdose Awareness Day is taking place on August 31 at the Timberland Library in Belfair. There is a Shelton event happening on September 1.

**IAFF 3876 Labor Negotiations:** Commissioner Severson shared that negotiations are going well, with just a few more details to work through. All are pleased with the results.

**Commissioners Quarterly Saturday Meeting:** Commissioner Severson stated the Board needed to schedule their next quarterly Saturday meeting. The meeting will include a review of the Chiefs' contracts and succession planning. The next date has been scheduled for September 9 at 9 am.

**Service Recognition:** Chief Bakken recognized two NMRFA Commissioners for their commitment to the Authority. Commissioner Kewish received his 10-year pin and certificate. Commissioner McIntosh received her 20-year pin and certificate. Chief Bakken noted that Commissioner McIntosh has been with the Authority for 23 years; however, with COVID, we did not recognize her with her 20-year pin during her actual anniversary.

**Public Comment:** None


**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Chief Bakken noted that Commissioner McIntosh has been nominated for the WFCA Board of Directors– Region 9.

Advisory Member Brooke Quigley asked if Adam had seen any heat-related illnesses with the higher temperatures. Chief Bakken stated that he had not.

**With no further business, Commissioner McIntosh moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 pm.**

\*Minutes amended for omission of John Inch meeting attendance

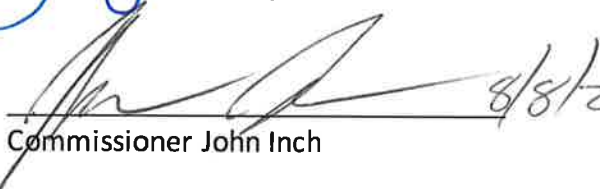
  
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