

NORTH MASON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY Special Meeting Minutes: 09/09/2023

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

Absent: Bob Miller

Guests: None

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW BUSINESS

NMRFA Financial Planning: Commissioner Severson proposed a salary raise for Chief Officers and pointed out the necessity of a levy lid lift.

Commissioner McIntosh emphasized the importance of initiating succession planning to cover the upcoming 5 to 7 years.

Chief Bakken presented a Levy Summary of Mason County Fire Districts. He noted that the NMRFA is second to the lowest rate in Mason County. It has been 15 years since the Authority last held a levy increase.

Commissioner McIntosh noted the Authority has no debt and is fiscally responsible.

Chief Bakken informed the group that staffing for Station 23 will become imperative from January 2024 onwards, additionally several apparatuses will be requiring replacement and maintenance needed for certain facilities. Chief Bakken proposed the inclusion of a levy request on the August 2024 ballot.

Session Break:

Started: 10:03 am Ended: 10:19 am

Chief Officer Contract Review: Commissioner Severson requested a review of the Chief Officers Contracts. Commissioner Severson stated that the Authority's Chief Officers are the lowest paid in comparison to surrounding districts.

Commissioners entered into a closed executive session at 11:05 am. Commissioners returned from the closed executive session at 11:22 am.

OLD BUSINESS: None

Public Comment: None

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

With no further business, Commissioner McIntosh moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Inch seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Authority Secretary Natie Musgrave

Commissioner Paul Severson

Commissioner Kelley McIntosh

Commissioner John Inch

Commissioner Bob Miller

Commissioner Dan Kewish