



North Mason Fire

NORTH MASON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY Regular Meeting Minutes: 12/12/2023

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

Absent: Commissioner John Inch and Commissioner Bob Miller

Guests: Via Zoom Conferencing: Advisory Member Brooke Quigley

Meeting was called to order at 5:03 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

FINANCIALS

Financial vouchers were presented and reviewed.

Commissioner McIntosh moved to approve Voucher Number 231202001 in the amount of \$2,514.61 and Voucher Numbers 231201001 to 231201106 in the amount of \$429,186.48. Commissioner Kewish seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

AFG Update: Chief Bakken shared that the Fire Authority was not awarded any of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant funds in 2023. The 2024 grant cycles will be opening in early 2024, and we will be applying.

ARPA Grant Update: Chief Bakken noted we are coming up on our final year to expense the ARPA grant funding. The grant funds were for the capital needs of the MIHP that include the build-out of the Suburban.

BabyBox Update: Representative Griffey is working on the project as a co-signer of the bill. The bill will allow for a pilot program in Washington State, and it is expected to have funding opportunities as well.

LLS Firefighter Stair Climb March 2024: Chief Bakken shared the Fire Authority has five of our crew members participating in this year's LLS Firefighter Stair Climb event and fundraiser. Chief Bakken expressed his gratitude to this group for their contribution and support for this event.

MACECOM: Chief Bakken provided an update regarding the leadership transition with MACECOM that will be taking place in early January. MACECOM is conducting a search for a new executive director for the organization with the hopes of filling the position in the 1st quarter of 2024.

MCPHD#2 Meeting and MIHP Payment: Chief Bakken shared that he has provided the Mason County Hospital District #2 with an annual report regarding the success of the Mobile Integrated Health Program's first year. The MCPHD#2 was pleased with the progress the program has made in the first year. Chief Bakken noted that the Fire Authority has received their annual funding from the hospital district in December.

Santa Run 2023: Chief Bakken expressed his gratitude to everyone that contributed to the success of the 2023 Santa Run. A special thanks to our "Santa", Commissioner Inch for sharing this time with our community and providing every child and adult with a candy cane and photo opportunity.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Stipend 2024: Commissioner Severson shared the WFCOA update, "The WFCOA Office has been informed by the Office of Financial Management (OFM) that, effective January 1, 2024, the rate adjustment for commissioner compensation will be \$161 per day with a new annual compensation limit of \$15,456."

Commissioner McIntosh moved to approve the increase of commissioner compensation to \$161 per day in accordance with the WFCOA. Commission Kewish seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mason County Sheriff Moves In: Chief Bakken provided the long-awaited news that the Mason County Sheriff has officially moved into Old Station 21. They are getting settled in and we have quickly begun to deepen our partnership, including joint training on mental health with NMRFA's Kristi Eilers, P-ARNP and Abe Gardner, Emergency Prevention Specialist.

CBA Forma Signing: The 2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement was signed by the NMRFA Commissioners.

Public Comment:

Advisory Member Brooke Quigley noted a need for Narcan messaging throughout the community. She expressed her concern that there needs to be emphasis on how to get Narcan. Can it be available at community events?

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Commissioner McIntosh shared she is working with the WFCM Education Committee and planning for this year's Spring Conference that will be held at Clearwater Casino Resort.

Executive Assistant Musgrave shared that we are starting to receive payment through insurance payers for MIHP.

Chief Bakken noted the Mason County Fire Academy graduation will be held on December 19, here at the NMRFA. The Authority has seven student firefighters graduating. Chief Bakken shared about the celebration held last week in honor of Chaplain Gary Shirbush. We are truly grateful to Gary for the years of service he has shared with our community.

With no further business, Commissioner Severson moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner McIntosh seconded the motion.


With no further business Commissioner Severson adjourned the meeting at 5:41 pm.



Authority Secretary Katie Musgrave




Commissioner Paul Severson



Commissioner Bob Miller

Commissioner Kelley McIntosh

Commissioner Dan Kewish



Commissioner John Inch