



North Mason Fire

NORTH MASON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY Regular Meeting Minutes: 1/16/2024

Present: Commissioners Bob Miller, John Inch, and Kelley McIntosh. Chief Bakken, Chief Cooper, and Executive Assistant Katie Musgrave. Via Zoom Commissioner Paul Severson.

Absent: None

Guests: Via Zoom Conferencing: Advisory Member Brooke Quigley

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

FINANCIALS

Financial vouchers were presented and reviewed.

Commissioner Miller asked for more information regarding a voucher from a previous month. Chief Bakken stated that the purchase was for the CRT radios.

Commissioner McIntosh moved to approve Voucher Numbers 240102001 to 240102005 in the amount of \$50,557.36. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Chief Bakken reviewed the January financial report. Minimal revenue and expenditures are being reported in the first two weeks of the new fiscal year.

Station 23 Staffing: Chief Cooper noted that meetings are taking place with shift Captains to develop the staffing plan for Station 23. The plan will include volunteers and rotate our student firefighters. We can expect staffing to start on March 1, 2024.

2024 Grant Process: Chief Bakken provided the update on the county-wide meeting with local, Mason County fire districts. All but two districts attended the meeting. PPE, fire hose, and tenders were identified as priority items. The Authority will be creating a repository for successful applications to be shared with our local districts. There was discussion regarding collaboration on regional grant opportunities.

NEW BUSINESS

Ambulance Billing Policy Update: Chief Bakken announced that the Authority will be terminating its business relationship with EF Recovery, the current ambulance billing processing company, and transitioning to Systems Design. As part of this transition, updates have been made to our Ambulance billing policy to align with the new processes required by the new vendor. We are seeking the Commissioners approval of the new policy.

Commissioner McIntosh moved to approve the revised Ambulance Billing Policy as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2024 Funding: Chief Bakken provided an overview of 2024 funding and discussed long-term funding strategies for the Authority. Strategic planning will continue as we explore avenues for securing sustainable funding sources.

OLD BUSINESS

Public Comment:

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

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


With no further business Commissioner Severson adjourned the meeting at 5:54 pm.



Authority Secretary Katie Musgrave



Commissioner Paul Severson



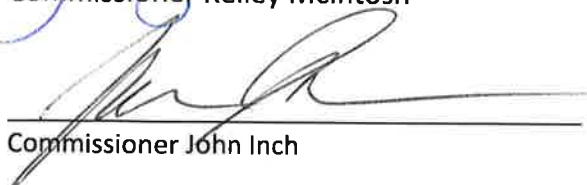
Commissioner Bob Miller



Commissioner Kelley McIntosh



Commissioner Dan Kewish



Commissioner John Inch