



North Mason Fire

NORTH MASON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY Regular Meeting Minutes: 3/19/2024

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

Absent: None

Guests: Via Zoom Conferencing: Advisory Member Brooke Quigley, Capt. Cloud-C Shift, Lea Sullivan-NMRFA Internal Mental Health Provider.

Meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the January meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Inch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FINANCIALS

Chief Bakken stated that the Budget Summary will be emailed out this week. There are no significant updates. April tax dollars are starting to come in.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

CROA Grant Submission: Chief Bakken announced that the NMRFA is a finalist for the CROA grant. We are hopeful to receive \$200,000.

MIHP- Seattle Times Coverage/Residency Status: The Seattle Times interview is scheduled for this Thursday. We will start with a roundtable interview and then they will spend the day in the field with the MIHP team.

The Hoppening: Reminder, the Hoppening is happening at the HUB on Saturday March 30th. The NMRFA will be selling hotdogs at the event.

Read with Kids Day: Chief Bakken shared that we are participating in the Story Time event happening at the Timberland Library, tomorrow, March 20th.

Annual Fire Inspections: Chief Cooper shared that annual fire inspections for commercial businesses are underway. Paramedic Collamore is leading that effort.

NEW BUSINESS

Shift Exchange Policy: Chief Bakken presented the revised Shift Exchange Policy, PERS-28. The goal of this policy is to facilitate shift exchanges while maintaining operational effectiveness.

Commissioner McIntosh moved to approve the Shift Exchange Policy as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NMRFA Mental Health and Wellness Programming Update: Lea Sullivan, NMRFA Internal Mental Health Provider, highlighted the significant progress made by the Mental Health and Wellness Program since its inception in June 2021. Initially met with mixed acceptance, perceptions have evolved, and the program is now widely embraced. Notably, there's a notable shift towards normalizing help-seeking behaviors, marking a departure from the previously entrenched stigma that hindered access to care within the fire service community.

The Chaplain Program, which began in 2022 with the graduation of 13 Fire Chaplains from the Mason County Academy, has been a resounding success. This county-wide initiative assigns each Chaplain to their respective home district, while also offering valuable support to surrounding communities. Additionally, Lea hosts a monthly Partner Connect meeting aimed at providing support not only to staff members but also to their partners.

OLD BUSINESS

2025 Levy Resolution: Per the Commissioners recommendation, Chief Bakken presented a draft of the levy resolution, authorizing the North Mason Regional Fire Authority to seek a levy increase at the rate of \$0.30.

Commissioner McIntosh moved to approve the Levy Resolution as presented. Commissioner Inch seconded the motion. Motion carried.


Public Comment:

None

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

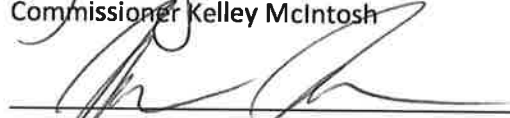
With no further business, Commissioner McIntosh moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Inch seconded the motion.

With no further business Commissioner Severson adjourned the meeting at 5:53 pm.


Authority Secretary Katie Musgrave

Commissioner Paul Severson


Commissioner Kelley McIntosh


Commissioner John Inch

Commissioner Bob Miller


Commissioner Dan Kewish