



North Mason Fire

NORTH MASON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY Regular Meeting Minutes: 7/16/2024

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

Absent: Commissioner Bob Miller (excused)

Guests: None

Meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

FINANCIALS

Financial vouchers were presented and reviewed.

Commissioner McIntosh moved to approve Voucher Numbers 240702001 to 240702008 in the amount of \$33,632.43. Commissioner Inch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Chief Bakken presented the financial report for July. He noted that the transition to a new ambulance billing vendor caused a temporary backlog in ambulance revenues. However, we are now ahead in reimbursables. The capital expenses for the Station 81 renovation are accounted for in the report. Interest rates remain on target, and bond fund payments for May and June have been completed. Overall, the financial status is strong.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

State/Federal Audit: Chief Bakken updated the group on the ongoing State/Federal audit. As we are undergoing a federal audit, the state audit must be conducted concurrently. Commissioner McIntosh has completed her risk assessment for the audit, and Chief Bakken is expected to finalize his risk assessment by the end of this week.

Wildland Deployments: Chief Bakken briefed the commissioners on recent wildland deployments. We have successfully completed two deployments so far and are anticipating further mobilizations soon, as we are currently at the top of the list.

MIHP Expansion: Chief Bakken shared ongoing efforts to expand the Mobile Integrated Health Program to the southern regions of Mason County. This expansion would be in partnership with Mason General Hospital. Mason County Commissioner Kevin Shutty has been a strong supporter of this initiative.

Betty Krueger: Chief Bakken expressed his condolences for the passing of community member Betty Krueger. Betty, who spent most of her life in the North Mason community, along with her husband Les, made a significant impact throughout the community.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

MIHP Funding: Commissioner Severson inquired about the long-term funding for the Mobile Integrated Health Program. Chief Bakken explained that the program is funded through a combination of sources. It bills insurance payers for a small reimbursement for services rendered. Additionally, the program receives revenue from various funding channels, including state and local funds, hospital district support, and potential future funding from insurance payers beyond service billing.

Public Comment:

Commissioner Severson reminded the group that it was time to schedule the quarterly meeting. The meeting will be held on Saturday, September 7th, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Station 21.

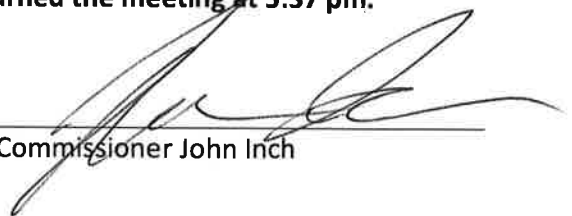
GOOD OF THE ORDER:

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


With no further business, Commissioner Severson adjourned the meeting at 5:37 pm.




Commissioner Paul Severson



Commissioner John Inch

Commissioner Kelley McIntosh


Commissioner Dan Kewish

Commissioner Bob Miller


Authority Secretary Katie Musgrave