



North Mason Fire

NORTH MASON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY Special Meeting Minutes: 9/7/2024

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

Absent: None

Guests: None

Meeting was called to order at 9:06 am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief Bakken opened the meeting by expressing his gratitude to the community for passing the levy lid lift with 65% approval. He shared there are several key activities on the horizon for the department.

Hiring Updates: The department will be hiring two new crew members to enhance staffing levels. Chief Bakken emphasized the importance of finding qualified candidates to ensure effective operations.

CBA Contract Finalization: The finalization of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) for 2025-2026 is underway for staffing at South Shore. The goal is to have the contract finalized in the coming weeks.

EMS Levy Discussion: Chief Bakken introduced the topic of a future EMS levy to support operational needs. Further discussions will be needed to determine the specifics and timeline for proposing the levy to the community.

Mobile Integrated Healthcare Program (MIHP) Expansion: Chief Bakken updated the Commissioners on the expansion of the Mobile Integrated Healthcare Program (MIHP) to the south end of the county. This expansion will be funded through non-levy sources and will involve partnerships with Mason General Hospital, Mason County, and other entities. The Chief highlighted the potential benefits of this program in improving healthcare access and outcomes for residents in the area.

Capital Equipment & Facilities: Chief Bakken noted that much of the department's apparatus and equipment is aging. He emphasized the need to address a long-term plan for the fleet to

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Authority Secretary Katie Musgrave