

NORTH MASON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY Regular Meeting Minutes: 10/8/2024

Present: Commissioners Kelley McIntosh, Dan Kewish, and Bob Miller. Chief Bakken and Assistant Chief Cooper.

Absent: Commissioners Paul Severson, John Inch and Executive Admin Katie Musgrave (All Excused)

Guests: None

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

Commissioner Kewish moved to approve the September meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FINANCIALS

Financial vouchers were presented and reviewed. MACECOM notified Chief Bakken that user rates will be increased for the 2025 year. No explanation was provided; only a letter notifying the RFA as to what the rate increase would be. There are likely to be questions given that MACECOM passed a 2/10th measure that will result in additional funding for 911.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve Voucher Numbers 241001001 to 241001091 in the amount of \$442,336.72. Commissioner Kewish seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Station 81 Construction Progress – Chief Cooper reported that 90% of the remodel and upgrades are completed. There is a delay for some doors and appliances. Due to the back orders on these items, the actual date of completion and final payment has been postponed. The goal is to have a move in date by the end of October. The Tahuya Community Club reported they will likely wait to have their initial meeting in the building in November 2024. Phase 3 of the remodel will include the apparatus bay, bathrooms, and office space.

Station 23 – The staffing plan for the station is still in development based upon the number of available student/resident firefighters and current staffing issues. CMFE and SKFR recently hired several NMRFA student firefighters. Chief Bakken and Chief Snyder have ongoing discussions with regards to staffing the Trails End Lake area due to the locations of Station 23 and Station 53 (Mason Benson intersection in CMFE).

Fire Station Signage - The signage project for the various outlying stations has been completed. The Community Foundation of South Puget Sound provided a grant and NMRFA was able to update the signs for Stations 22, 25, and 82.

2024 Fire Prevention Week - Next week is Fire Prevention Week. NMRFA will be partnering up with McClendon's to give away smoke and CO2 detectors.

NW Regional CIT Conference Presentation - There will be a Crisis Intervention Conference in Boise, ID. The MIHP Team will present Beyond 911 film.

Tahuya Community Outreach Coordinator Position - NMRFA will be sending out the notice for applications for the Tahuya Community Outreach next week. Chief Bakken indicated an email regarding the position will be sent out early the week of October 14, 2024.

OLD BUSINESS

WFCA 2024 Fall Conference - Spokane, WA. Commissioners Inch and Miller will be attending.

South MIHP - South Mason in partnership with NMRFA will be starting their MIHP program. Choice Regional Network awarded the program \$200,000 of grant dollars for support in conjunction with the hospital district. NMRFA will be supporting South Mason Fire with administration and oversight needs.

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 6:00 pm.

Commissioner Paul Severson

Commissioner Kelley McIntosh

Commissioner Dan Kewish

Commissioner John Inch

Commissioner Bob Miller

Authority Secretary Katle Musgrave