



# North Mason Fire

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## NORTH MASON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY Regular Meeting Minutes: 2/18/2025

**Present:** Commissioners Paul Severson, John Inch, Kelley McIntosh, Dan Kewish, and Bob Miller (via Zoom). Assistant Chief Cooper and Executive Assistant Katie Musgrave

**Absent:** None

**Guests:** Capt. Ryan Cloud

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

### FINANCIALS

Financial vouchers were presented and reviewed. Chief Bakken noted the vouchers included the purchase of the used engine that was approved at the last meeting.

**Commissioner McIntosh moved to approve Voucher Numbers 250202001 to 250202009 for \$157,671.38. Commissioner Inch seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Chief Bakken shared that the NMRFA now officially has a \$10 million budget. He explained that once a fire authority surpasses the \$10 million threshold, it has the option to become its own financial agent. However, he does not recommend pursuing this at this time, though it may need to be reconsidered in the coming years.

### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

**South MIHP Expansion (Donna Short Hiring)** - Donna Short, LPN, has joined the MIHP team. She comes from the Jamestown Clinic, where she had a long tenure. Donna will be assigned to the South MIHP team and will spend the next four weeks onboarding with the North team. Her official start date is Monday.

**MACECOM** - Chief Bakken met with Joe from MACECOM and received an update on staffing. Sixteen of their seventeen positions are currently filled, and supervisors have been hired. Their new facility will include space for 988 services. During the meeting, they discussed incorporating MIHP into dispatch, and there are many positive changes ahead.

**CRT Recruitment and Training** - COC Carl Bryant and FF/EMT Elli Lechner are working on a recruitment campaign and training for new CRT members, with a particular focus on the Tahuya community. Training is scheduled to begin in May.

**Bremerton VMFH ER Opening** - South Kitsap Urgent Care will be closing on February 27th for renovations. A new standalone ER is set to open in Bremerton in early March.

**NMSD Superintendent Hiring Announcement** - Chief Bakken noted that a new North Mason School District Superintendent has been hired, Christine Michael, and will begin on July 1. Unfortunately, the district's levy did not pass.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**VMFH Transports** - Chief Bakken noted that NMRFA has received information from the new VMFH Bremerton ED outlining guidelines on when to transport patients to the new ER versus St. Michael's ED.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Public Comment: None**

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Commissioner McIntosh inquired about the impact of the timber sales freeze. Chief Bakken reported that timber sales are currently on a six-week hold, and further updates are expected soon. The impact on federal funding sources, such as GEMT funds, remains uncertain. However, Chief Bakken reassured that NMRFA is not operationally dependent on these funds.

Chief Bakken noted that there has been local interest in connecting the two segments of Razor Road. Community members may reach out with inquiries regarding this request.

Commissioner McIntosh moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Inch seconded the motion. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:43 pm.



Commissioner Paul Severson



Commissioner Kelley McIntosh

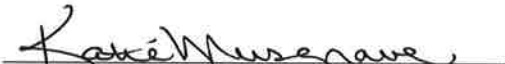


Commissioner Dan Kewish



Commissioner John Inch

Commissioner Bob Miller



Authority Secretary Katie Musgrave