

NORTH MASON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY Regular Meeting Minutes: 4/15/2025

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

Zoom: Commissioners Bob Miller

Absent: None

Guests: None

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

FINANCIALS

Chief Bakken presented the April 2025 financial report, noting that this is the final report before the 2025 tax revenues begin to reflect, with payments starting in April. Revenue from the Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) program and ambulance billing remains on track, and timber tax revenues are currently strong. On the expenditure side, three replacement vehicles were recently purchased using capital budget funds. Chief Bakken also reminded the team that the first bond payment for 2025 is due in June.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

South Mason MIHP: The South Mason Mobile Integrated Health Program (MIHP) is now fully operational and off to a strong start. A new provider, Kristal Martin, ARNP, has been hired and will officially join the team next month. This program is a collaborative partnership between South Mason Fire, Central Mason Fire & EMS, and Mason General Hospital. Chief Bakken also shared that the annual report for the North Mason MIHP will be submitted to Mason County Hospital District 2 at the end of the month, as part of NMRFA's ongoing reporting for that partnership.

Pancake Breakfast Reminder: A reminder was shared about the upcoming Pancake Breakfast at Station 81 in Tahuya, scheduled for Saturday, April 26th, from 6:00 AM to 11:00 AM. All were encouraged to attend and help spread the word to community members.

Staff Cars Arrival: New staff vehicles have arrived at the dealership and are expected to be delivered this week. One of these vehicles will replace Chief Cooper's truck.

Station 22 Garage Door Repair: The garage door at Station 22 sustained damage and is currently being replaced. The repair will be covered under an insurance claim.

CRT Class (Tahuya): Capt. Cloud, Carl Bryant (OCO), and FF/EMT Elli Lechner will host a CRT informational meeting on April 17th in Tahuya. Postcards were mailed community-wide to invite residents. CRT training is scheduled for May through June.

Mason County EMT Graduation: The Mason County EMT graduation ceremony will be held on April 14 at 6:00 PM at North Mason High School. Chief Bakken commended NMRFA Paramedic Robert Collamore for his outstanding work as the lead instructor for this cohort.

Mason County Fire Academy: NMRFA is participating by sending two students to the Fire Academy.

WFCA Conference - Commissioner McIntosh noted the following upcoming event:

Chelan Conference – June 7th

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

Personnel Matter: After a thorough review, the NMRFA has been advised to hire a private investigation firm to conduct an investigation.

Public Comment: None

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Commissioner Kewish moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Inch seconded the motion. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:27 pm.

Commissioner Paul Severson

Commissioner John Inch

Commissioner Kelley McIntosh

Commissioner Bob Miller

Commissioner Dan Kewish

Authority Secretary Ratie Musgrave