



NORTH MASON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY
Regular Meeting Minutes: 2/10/2026

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

KM Zoom:

Absent: Commissioner Bob Miller

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

Meeting minutes from January 2026 were presented and reviewed. **Commissioner Severson moved to approve meeting minutes; Commissioner Inch seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

FINANCIALS

Financial vouchers were presented and reviewed by the Board.

Commissioner Miller moved to approve Voucher Numbers 260201001 to 260201099 for \$605,863.67 and 260202001 for \$237,320.55. Commissioner McIntosh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

WA State Audit Conclusion:

Commissioners Inch and Miller attended the Washington State Auditor's Office exit interview on behalf of the Board. Chief Bakken expressed his appreciation to Executive Assistant Angie McCormick for her extensive work coordinating the audit process. He acknowledged that the audit represents a significant administrative undertaking, noting that McCormick managed all correspondence, documentation requests, and records submission throughout the review period. The audit report has been finalized and is now publicly available. The next scheduled audit is anticipated to occur at the end of 2027.

NMSD Levy Election Date Announcement: Chief Bakken shared that the North Mason School District will re-run its levy in April following the measure's defeat in the February election. This decision includes revisions to the previous levy request and is intended to provide voters with an updated proposal for consideration in April.

Helipad Sites: Chief Bakken reported that there have been discussions regarding the Port of Dewatto as a potential helipad location. He advised that the site is not suitable for safe emergency airlift operations. He clarified that the two established airlift locations currently in use are Bremerton National Airport and Kay's Corner in Tahuya. Chief Bakken further noted that the Salmon Center will be conducting work in the Tahuya area near the Kay's Corner landing zone; however, the site will remain available for airlift operations throughout the project schedule.

CMFE Chief's Retirement Celebration (February 20th): Chief Bakken shared that a retirement celebration is scheduled for February 20 in recognition of Fire Chief Snyder and Deputy Chief Yates, both of whom will be retiring.

Shift Assignment Exchanges: Chief Bakken announced that four crew members will be included in temporary shift reassignments as the department addresses internal personnel matters.

Lechner Return: Chief Bakken shared Firefighter Lechner has returned to A-Shift. She previously worked a day schedule while completing refresher training and has now resumed regular shift assignment.

Authority Annual Dinner: Chief Bakken expressed his appreciation for the effort invested in organizing the Annual Dinner event. He noted the strong attendance and shared that it was great to see so many participants embrace the Hawaiian luau theme. He extended his thanks to Executive Assistants Musgrave and McCormick for their work coordinating the event.

2026 Fire Chaplain Academy: Chief Bakken announced that 11 participants have enrolled in the 2026 Fire Chaplain Academy, with representation from across Mason County. He will be leading the Academy, which will meet weekly over the course of the eight-week program. The training calendar is currently being finalized and will be shared once available.

Pancake Breakfast: Chief Bakken announced the upcoming Pancake Breakfast scheduled for March 28 at Station 21. The event will host the Pacific Northwest Chapter of SPAAMFAA (Society for the Preservation and Appreciation of Antique Motor Fire Apparatus in America), with several antique fire apparatus on display. Event details will be shared on social media as they become available. Thank you to Commissioner Severson for coordinating this opportunity.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

GOOD OF THE ORDER: None


Commissioner McIntosh moved to adjourn the meeting. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.



Commissioner Paul Severson



Commissioner Kelley McIntosh

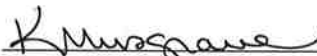


Commissioner Dan Kewish

Commissioner John Inch



Commissioner Bob Miller



Authority Secretary Katie Musgrave