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**NORTH MASON REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY  
Regular Meeting Minutes: 5/12/2026**

**Present:** Commissioners Paul Severson, Bob Miller and Dan Kewish  
Chief Bakken, Assistant Chief Cooper, and Executive Assistant Musgrave

**Zoom:** Commissioner Kelley McIntosh

**Absent:** Commissioners John Inch (Wildland training)

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

Meeting minutes from April 2026 were presented and reviewed. **Commissioner Miller moved to approve meeting minutes; Commissioner Kewish seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

#### **FINANCIALS**

Chief Cooper presented an opportunity for NMRFA to purchase a 2008 H&W International Type III engine. The apparatus was previously utilized as both a Type I structure engine and a Type III wildland engine. Chief Cooper reported that he personally test drove the engine and found it to be a viable addition to the fleet. The proposed purchase would allow the Authority to surplus the 1996 Chevy brush truck and replace it with the newer apparatus. The purchase price is \$60,000, and the Authority has secured a \$20,000 grant that will be applied toward the acquisition cost.

**Commissioner Severson moved to approve the purchase of the 2008 H&W International Type III engine from GARAGE TECHNOLOGIES INC as presented. Commissioner Kewish seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Financial vouchers were presented and reviewed by the Board. Chief Bakken noted the voucher for the Zoll monitor was reimbursed by a grant.

**Commissioner Miller moved to approve Voucher Numbers 260501001 to 260501095 for \$683,060.47 and Voucher Number 260504001 for \$6,248.74. Commissioner Kewish seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

**Radio Tower Move:** Chief Bakken shared that the radio tower equipment located on the Belfair water tower has been in place since approximately 2011–2012. With the construction of a new PUD 3 communications tower, the two existing antennas will be relocated from the water tower, and connectivity will transition to fiber service at the new tower site. The transition is expected to take place next month. MACECOM has purchased the necessary equipment and will be responsible for maintaining the system moving forward.

**2026 EMS Levy Campaign Update:** Chief Bakken provided an update on the 2026 EMS Levy Campaign, sharing that all required documents have been completed and submitted to the Auditor's Office.

**Station 82 Roof:** Chief Cooper provided an update on the Station 82 roof replacement project, noting that the project is moving forward as planned with installation scheduled for July.

**Community HOA Meeting Tour:** Chief Bakken shared that he has been presenting NMRFA updates and information on Authority operations, services, and initiatives to local HOAs during their general membership meetings. To date, he has completed eight presentations, with additional HOA meetings scheduled over the coming months.

**Pancake Breakfast Update:** Chief Bakken reported that the Fishing Season Pancake Breakfast had a great turnout from the community. He shared that the North Mason Firefighters Association raised enough funds through the event to cover all associated event costs.

**Paramedic Testing:** Chief Bakken reported that paramedic testing is underway with one confirmed vacancy. He shared that Paramedic Torvik has accepted a position with King County Medic One. The application period closes on Friday, with candidate testing scheduled to follow.

**Investigation Update:** Chief Bakken provided an update on the personnel investigation, noting that the investigation has been completed and disciplinary action is scheduled to take place on Friday.

**Highway 3 Closure:** Chief Bakken shared that the Highway 3 closure is scheduled to begin on June 13th and is expected to last approximately 16 days with a full roadway closure. The closure will occur just beyond the Rodeo Drive-In. Additional information and updates will be provided as the closure date approaches.

**Chaplain Academy Graduation:** Chief Bakken shared that the Fire Chaplain Academy Graduation took place on April 28th. Following graduation, the current chaplains have begun mentoring the newly commissioned chaplains to support their transition into their roles and continued development within the program.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**State Annual Financial Report Review:** Chief Bakken shared that the State Annual Financial Report is due next week and that the final draft has been completed. He commended Executive Assistant Angie McCormick for the significant time, effort, and attention to detail she dedicated to completing the report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Investigation Update and Closeout:** Chief Bakken provided an update on the personnel investigation, noting that the investigation has been completed and disciplinary action is scheduled to take place on Friday.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Commissioner Miller inquired about the Gilmore's Automotive invoice for the South MIHP Suburban, asking about the nature of the repairs and whether the Authority intends to retain the vehicle. Chief Bakken explained that the vehicle experienced a catastrophic engine failure, which required a complete engine replacement. He noted that this model and year, has a known history of experiencing similar failures. Chief Bakken confirmed that the Authority intends to keep the vehicle in service following the repairs.

**With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:38 pm.**



Commissioner Paul Severson



Commissioner John Inch

Commissioner Kelley McIntosh



Commissioner Dan Kewish

Commissioner Bob Miller



Authority Secretary Katie Musgrave