



Minutes of the Board of Fire Commissioners March 13, 2023

BOARD FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

No Business

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Dale Putnam of District 9 Board of Fire Commissioners called the meeting to order at 1800 hours. Commissioners Mark Thompson (virtual), Mark Campeau and Jason Foust (virtual), EA Davie Kindell, Captain Jeff Novak and Board Secretary Tom McBride attended the regular meeting held in person and via the virtual Zoom platform using the link posted on the District's website. Commissioner Len Albert was excused, Chief Leonard Johnson, and AC Chris Patti were on a structure fire and not in attendance.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None. The agenda was approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT & VISITING SPEAKERS

None.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. *Approval of Minutes:*

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 9, 2023; the motion carried.

2. Approval of Vouchers and Payroll:

A motion was made and seconded to approve vouchers and payroll in the amounts listed below in item a; the motion carried.

- a. Authorized Claims Fund February 21, 2023
 - i. 6690 \$28,569.64;
 - ii. 6694 \$1,713.40;
 - iii. 6699 \$25.94.

A motion was made and seconded to approve vouchers and payroll in the amounts listed below in items b through e; the motion carried.

- b. General Fund 6690 \$465,135.33;
- c. Capital Fund 6691 \$2,514.25;
- d. EMS/Apparatus Replacement Fund 6694 \$3,241.07;
- e. SORT Fund 6699 \$2,143.14.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Deputy Chief of Logistics

This item was delayed because Chief Leonard was on a fire call.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Finance/Administration:

EA Kindell reported that it has been a busy month since the last Board meeting.

The District continues to pursue the hiring of a person for the Business Operations Director position. Eight candidates are currently under consideration and engaged in testing relating to human resource role playing, oral presentation skills and analytical problem solving. In addition the District is undertaking an at-home assessment for job fit analysis.

Preparations are underway for the Spring Egg Dash and Safety Day, to be held April 8 and the Districts annual Appreciation Dinner. The dinner will be held at the Olympia Golf and Country Club, April 22 at 6:00 PM.

The District is currently working on the preparation of its Annual Report.

2. Operations:

No report as AC Patti was on a fire call. A written report was provided.

3. Fire Chief:

No verbal report - Chief Johnson was on a fire call. A written report was provided.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Campeau reported that he attended the West Thurston meeting on February 27. South Thurston is planning to join. There are continuing discussions related to BLS and ALS services in an effort to find common ground in the region among multiple jurisdictions.

Commissioner Putnam reported that the Public Disclosure Commission report due dates are approaching.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

EA Kindell noted that the District is planning for a large purchase of computers (7-8) through the State based on the District's technology update schedule. A server is also budgeted.

EA Kindell explained that there has been some dissatisfaction related to the required IAFF physicals. Some of the providers contracted to perform the physicals in 2021 were disappointing. In 2022 provider performance was better, but still lacking the District's expectations. This year the District is working to find a replacement provider of the IAFF physicals and has booked with Life Scan for January 2024. It is the District's goal to secure a new provider that offers enhanced testing. The District is collaborating with other regional districts to collectively increase the number of physicals needed (~50 career employees) as a strategy to generate interest from more providers.

Commissioner Campeau suggested that the Board consider scheduling Board meetings at other stations in the District, such as Summit Lake and Station 95. It may be best to schedule a regular meeting location rotation schedule to make sure the public knows where meetings will be taking place each month.

Commissioner Thompson suggested that the Board consider upgrading the District's video camera equipment used for virtual meetings. He noted that the virtual pictures of the meeting were blurry and higher resolution equipment could address that issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Regarding Collective Bargaining

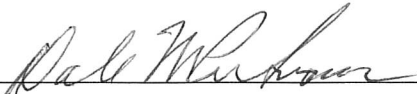
Did not meet because Chief Leonard was on a fire call.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Board meeting; the motion carried. The Board adjourned at 1820.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

For Thurston County Fire District 9:



Dale Putnam, Chair




Jason Foust, Commissioner




Len Albert, Commissioner



Mark Thompson, Commissioner



Mark Campeau



Tom McBride, Board Secretary

4/13/23

Date