



## THURSTON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 9

February 11, 2021

### CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Dale Putnam of District 9 Board of Fire Commissioners called the meeting to order at 1801 hours. Commissioners Mark Thompson, Mark Campeau, Rich Milligan, and Len Albert; Chief Leonard Johnson, AC Chris Patti, EA Davie Kindell, and Board Secretary Ferol Max attended the regular meeting held via the virtual Zoom platform. Viewing of the meeting was made available to the public with the Zoom meeting link posted on the District website.

### AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

### PUBLIC COMMENT & VISITING SPEAKERS

Craig Edwards from the Summit Lake Community Association requested the opportunity to speak and was given five minutes. He wished to thank Chief Johnson for attending the meeting at Summit Lake on February 2. Mr. Edwards wished to ask Commissioner Milligan, as a commissioner who has served a six-year term and will be up for re-election, if he would have wished things to have been done differently in regard to volunteer staffing. Commissioner Milligan stated that if it were possible, he would see all stations with full crews, but there is a nationwide shortage of volunteers and funding; it's not just a local issue. Mr. Edwards had no further comments or questions.

Mr. Edwards inquired further regarding the Commissioner positions that will be on the ballot this year. Commissioner Putnam asked that he contact EA Kindell for this information.

### ACTION ITEMS

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 14, 2021; the motion carried.

**Approval of Vouchers and Payroll:** A motion was made and seconded to approve vouchers from Fund 6690 totaling \$333,686.69; the motion carried.

**Resolution 21-562 – Transfer of Funds:** A motion was made and seconded to approve Resolution 21-562, authorizing a transfer from M&O Fund 6698 to Fund 6690 in the amount of \$800,00.00; the motion carried.

**Olympia Fire Department Mutual Aid:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the mutual aid agreement with the Olympia Fire Department; the motion carried.

**T-COMM Intergovernmental Agreement:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the updated T-COMM IGA; the motion carried.

**West Thurston Interlocal Agreement:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the updated West Thurston ILA; the motion carried.

**Administrative Assistant Contract:** Commissioner Putnam proposed postponing approval until March as there were some areas that needed clarification.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

**Finance/Administration:** EA Kindell noted the staff reports have been consolidated and included with the Chief's report in the meeting packet.

Restructuring of the volunteer program is ongoing and MBLFD is looking at how neighboring department volunteer programs are run, as well as compensation details. One stumbling block for volunteers has been the ability to pass the CPAT. A program is being established to prepare candidates for the physical ability test. Captain Hodge, as the peer fitness trainer, will meet with prospective volunteers and give them the opportunity to train and prepare for the CPAT.

EA Kindell has also met with Nancy Nole from Summit Lake to discuss recruitment banners and posters.

The MBLFD year-end budget report was included in the meeting packet. The transfer of \$800,00.00 from the Maintenance and Operations Fund to the General Fund was for salaries and operational expenses.

Lt Welsh is working on updating the MBLFD website.

SORT and REMS are generating some revenue and EA Kindell will meet with the state auditor for advice on preferred accounting practices.

**Operations:** AC Patti reported 149 calls with 22 transports in January.

The second dose of COVID-19 vaccine was administered January 30 through February 5 and 69% of the operational members have been vaccinated.

There was a mutual aid response with District 6 recently, during which MBLFD provided the main water supply. The current focus is on readiness for the weather and extra staffing has been arranged, including a crew at Summit Lake. The snowplow has already been in use clearing the parking lot.

**Chief:** Chief Johnson stated there were some probationary firefighters present on the call as part of their requirements to attend a Board of Commissioners meeting. Tim Keese, Brian Amren, Cody North, and Brandon Espinoza introduced themselves and were welcomed by the Board.

Members of the Summit Lake Community Association met with Chief Johnson, AC Patti, EA Kindell, and SPSCC President Stokes and Dean Noel Rubadue on February 2. It was made clear that SPSCC has no interest in pursuing a credit program for firefighter education. Some

coordination is provided by the college for non-credit courses such as the Thurston County Recruit Academy. The current class started on February 4, with 40 recruits, 4 of whom are from MBLFD.

Development of the scope of work for the St 95 roof is in-progress. Highland Construction Consulting is awaiting a final infra-red report to analyze ventilation. Chief Johnson anticipates being ready to request price quotes in April.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Campeau reported the administrative board of West Thurston Fire and Life Safety met last week to finalize the updated ILA. There was also some discussion regarding potential interest in a transport agreement.

Commissioner Putnam attended the ORCAA meeting last week and reported the majority of air quality violations come from city areas where burning is banned. There has been some discussion of implementing fines or fees.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Chief Johnson thanked the staff for their efforts in preparedness for the current weather event.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners adjourned at 1832.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

For Thurston County Fire District 9:



Dale Putnam, Chairperson



Mark Thompson, Commissioner

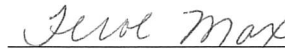


Mark Campeau, Commissioner

Rich Milligan, Commissioner



Len Albert, Commissioner



Ferol Max, Board Secretary

March 11, 2021