



THURSTON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 9

July 8, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Dale Putnam of District 9 Board of Fire Commissioners called the meeting to order at 1800 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.

ACTION ITEMS

- a) **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on June 10, 2021; the motion carried.
- b) **Approval of Vouchers and Payroll:** A motion was made and seconded to approve vouchers from General Fund 6690 totaling \$429,880.64; and EMS Fund 6694 totaling \$950.25; the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Board meeting status: it was the consensus of this Board that in-person meetings will resume at Station 95 beginning with the August 12th meeting. EA Kindell will post updated information on the District website, to include that members of the public may continue to attend via the Zoom meeting platform, and anyone wishing to attend in person will be asked to show proof of vaccination.

STAFF REPORTS

Finance/Administration: EA Kindell reported a busy month with preparations for the for 4th of July holiday and information on the burn ban, consumer fireworks ban, and firework safety.

Eight of nine volunteer interviews have been completed. Five applicants have passed the CPAT and another test will be held July 9th for two more applicants. Three of the applicants have expressed interest in becoming resident firefighters.

The state has implemented a new program for purchasing cards through US Bank, so District 9 will move their accounts over, which offers some advantages over the current bank. The petty cash account will be handled through Key Bank.

EA Kindell is working on a special project to add a mental health component to the Health and Wellness program.

Operations: AC Patti reported the June call total was 211 calls with 80 fire-related calls and 131 EMS calls. There were 30 BLS transports.

Wildland fire season is well underway and MBLFD has responded to two mobilization requests; the REMS team is currently in Wenatchee.

There were several calls related to the heat wave, including several commercial fire alarm activations due to excessive heat in attic spaces that triggered alarm systems.

E91 participated in the Tamoshan 4th of July parade and Boat 95 participated in the Summit Lake Boat parade, winning the award for ‘Most Patriotic Boat’. All the personnel had a good time at their respective events.

The Black Lake boat races will be held July 10-11 and District 9 will have personnel on standby.

Chief: Station 95 will have another walk-through to determine final specs for electrical and mechanical work before going out to bid.

Two temporary employees have been hired and will be assigned, one to A shift and one to B shift.

There is ongoing discussion regarding the ILA with Tumwater and Chief Johnson is still investigating the potential impact further annexation may have on District 9.

The contractual amount collected for services to The Evergreen State College (TESC) will be extended to June 2022. The agreement will be reviewed this fall.

Two vehicles are expected to arrive in the next several days; the 2016 Dodge truck will be used to haul UTV for the REMS team, and the Tahoe will be for staff use.

Chief Johnson has been deployed since Wednesday, so will submit his written report at a later time.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Thompson has met with some other concerned parties regarding the law that will be enacted in Washington state later this month related to reduced police response and the potential effect on other first responders. Chief Johnson and AC Patti have been working on guidelines along with other agencies. More information will be available at the next meeting of this Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The regular meeting was recessed at 1837 hours to accommodate the need for an Executive Session in compliance with RCW 42.30.110. It was anticipated to last ten minutes for the

purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee. The Executive Session adjourned and the Regular session reconvened at 1848 hours. Commissioner Milligan expressed his appreciation for the crews that were training on Black Lake, noting their professionalism in representing the Fire Department.


ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners adjourned at 1850 hours.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

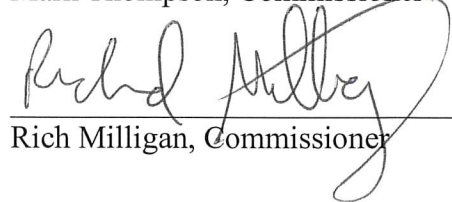
For Thurston County Fire District 9:


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Mark Campeau, Commissioner


Len Albert, Commissioner


Mark Thompson, Commissioner


Rich Milligan, Commissioner


Ferol Max, Board Secretary
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