

EAST COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE
REGULAR BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

December 06, 2022

Station 91

6:30 PM

Approved Minutes

ATTENDANCE:

Martha Martin
Sherry Petty
Robert Jacobs
Station 94 Duty Crew
John Prasch

Mike Taggart
Steve Hofmaster
Debbie Macias
Phone # 360.907.6989

Joshua Seeds
Mike Carnes
Station 91 Duty Crew
Zach Allen

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Martha Martin called the meeting to order at 18:32 via Zoom Meeting.
Chief Carnes led the Flag salute.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of November 15, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Approval of November 15, 2022 Local BVFF&RO Meeting Minutes
Approval of November 22, 2022 Strategic Planning Meeting Minutes
Approval of Financial Transactions
Excuse Absent Commissioner(s):

**Motion by Commissioner Taggart to approve the consent agenda seconded by Commissioner Petty.
Motion passed unanimously.**

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

STAFF REPORT:

Chief Carnes report; a copy is in the packet.
Assistant Chief Jacobs gave his report as follows:
DOC training will be on December 13, 2022.
November EST/Tender training was November 22, 2022
No December EST training.
C.A.R.O.L box packing December 14, 2022 at 7:00 PM, delivery December 17, 2022 at 7:30 AM

VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION:

Nothing new to report.

SAFETY REPORT:

- Last Safety Committee meeting held on November 30, 2022.
- Next Safety Committee meeting January 24, 2023 at Station 91 at 7:30 PM.
Beginning with the January meeting, we will be rotating our meetings between shifts to get safety suggestions from each shift.
- Squad 94 was involved in an accident on November 23, while driving on Vernon Rd. the driver's side mirror was destroyed, no other damage to the squad. The other vehicle did not stop.

FIRE DISTRICT BUSINESS:

FY2023 Board Assignments

Motion by Commissioner Petty to approve FY2023 Board Assignments, seconded by Commissioner Taggart. Motion passed unanimously.

FY2023 Observed Holidays

Motion by Commissioner Seeds to approve FY2023 Observed Holidays, seconded by Commissioner Hofmaster. Motion passed unanimously.

Fire Fighter Prasch questioned the holidays; he thought there was one missing. Wanted to know where the list came from. Debbie Macias said that the Juneteenth holiday is missing. Chief Carnes let him know that the policy is 10 holidays. Discussion ensued.

Resolution #309-12062022 FY2023 Board Meeting Dates

The Purpose of this resolution is to adopt the FY2023 Board Meeting Dates.

Motion by Commissioner Taggart to approve Resolution No. 309-12062022, seconded by Commissioner Petty. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #310-12062022 Surplus Equipment (Fire Extinguisher, See Attachment A)

The Purpose of this resolution is surplus equipment (Fire Extinguisher)

Motion by Commissioner Taggart to approve Resolution No. 310-12062022, seconded by Commissioner Hofmaster. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #311-12062022 Surplus Equipment (Hurst Equipment – See Attachment A)

The Purpose of this resolution is to Surplus equipment (Hurst Equipment)

Motion by Commissioner Seeds to approve Resolution No. 311-12062022, seconded by Commissioner Taggart. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Carnes reminded the Board that Silverstar Search and Rescue is still looking for a home for their equipment. The thought is to share station 92. Discussion ensued.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Communication with Neighboring Elected Officials

City of Camas – January 24, 2023 at 2:00PM at City Hall

City of Washougal –

Held on November 29, 2022 at 12:00PM at City Hall

Commissioner Taggart said that one of the highlights he took from the meeting was the concern of the looting that happened during the Nakia Fire. They talked about fireworks on whether they should be banned or not and the challenge of hiring personnel across the board.

Chief Carnes said that his take away was revenue and paying bills. Problem across the board.

Risk Group

TBA

Safety Committee Representative

January 24, 2023 7:30 at Station 91.

Commissioner Hofmaster shared that they spoke about the cat bite that happened to one of our firefighters.

Revenue Exploratory Committee

TBA - Commissioner Martin had a suggestion to look into the Cowlitz Foundation. They are eager to give money. Discussion ensued.

ECAAB

TBA – Chief Carnes did ask Camas to schedule meetings for the full year next year.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Seeds mentioned that firefighters nationwide and spouses are increasingly active about lawsuits going on towards manufacturers of turnouts and foam regarding the health concerns for firefighters. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Seeds wanted to mention how important Juneteenth is in history and that later down the road we should look at changing the amount of holidays allowed.

Commissioner Seeds also wanted to recognize everyone especially the firefighters in regards to the selflessness towards the job and Firefighter Prasch on sending out email about foster children donations.

Commissioner Martin wanted to reiterate the importance of Juneteenth holiday.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

No Comments

LOCAL BOARD FOR VOLUNTEER F/F & RESERVE OFFICERS:

No new business.

ROUND TABLE:

Monthly Event Calendar

Strategic Planning Workshop Meeting December 07, 2022 at Station 91 at 3:00 PM Hybrid

Special Meeting December 8, 2022 at 12:15 PM at Station 91.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) Review the performance of a public employee.
RCW 42.30.140 (4)(a) Relating to collective bargaining issues and negotiations.

The Board went into executive session at 19:51 for 30 minutes to return at 20:21.
The meeting was extended for 10 minutes to return at 20:31.
The Board reconvened at 20:31.
No Action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Regular Board Meeting: December 20, 2022, at Station 91, 6:30 PM via Zoom – Hybrid version.

Motion by Commissioner Taggart to adjourn at 20:36 hours, seconded by Commissioner Hofmaster.

Motion passed unanimously.

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Martha Martin, Chairperson

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Sherry Petty, Commissioner

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