

***EAST COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE***  
***REGULAR BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING***

April 05, 2022

Station 91

6:30 PM

**Approved Minutes**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Martha Martin  
Sherry Petty  
Robert Jacobs  
Station 94 Duty Crew

Mike Taggart  
Steve Hofmaster  
Debbie Macias  
Captain Troutman

Joshua Seeds  
Chief Carnes  
Station 91 Duty Crew

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Martha Martin called the meeting to order at 18:30 via Zoom Meeting.  
Chairperson Martha Martin led the Flag salute.

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Approval of March 15, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.  
Approval of March 15, 2022 Local BVFF&RO Meeting Minutes.  
Approval of Financial Transactions.  
Excuse Absent Commissioner(s):

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

**OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

No Comments.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**STAFF REPORT:**

Chief Carnes read his report; a copy is in the packet.  
Commissioner Seeds asked on the Chief's meeting was there any more discussion of an impact fee from the County because there will be a greater demand for service from newer development. Chief Carnes responded that they did not go into detail; he said that it is in a subcommittee at this time and they are working on a plan. Commissioner Seeds wants to be updated on this topic.  
Commissioner Taggart asked if we had, any applications come in for the Chief position. Chief Carnes said that we have not had any come in yet and thought we could discuss this further at our next Strategic Planning Meeting.  
Commissioner Martin asked if Chief Carnes knew how long Dr. Wittwer has been around, Chief Carnes said over 30 years, and that it is a process to replace him. Discussion ensued.

Assistant Chief Jacobs gave his report as follows:

DOC training postponed until allowed by state mandate guidelines.

March EST/Tender training will be March 29, 2022 at Station 93 at 7 PM

April EST/Tender training will be April 18, 2022 at Station 93.

Annual inspections have started, we have found an issue with tank T93 we were afraid that it was rusting from inside, but with further investigating we think we can weld the crack, which will be a less expensive repair.

S91 has covered 3,857 miles since it has been placed in service, which means that is a little less than 3800 miles that have not been put on engine 91.

**VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION:**

Nothing new to report.

**SAFETY REPORT:**

- Last Safety Committee meeting held on February 24, 2022.
- Next Safety Committee meeting has been changed to April 25, 2022 at Station 91 at 7:30 PM instead of April 28, 2022.
- No reported accidents/incidents since the last board meeting.

**FIRE DISTRICT BUSINESS:**

Chief Carnes mentioned that we are looking to come together for a date for our Open House. Chief Carnes yielded to Debbie Macias. Debbie Macias let the Board know that we are looking at August 27<sup>th</sup> and would like to get the date confirmed. The Board agreed to the date.

Commissioner Taggart discussed grant ideas. Trying to get more volunteers, doing a Facebook post to see if anyone would like to donate to the fire station privately. Discussion ensued.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Communication with Neighboring Elected Officials

City of Camas – TBA

City of Washougal –TBA

Risk Group

April 6, 2022 9:00 AM

Safety Committee Representative

April 25, 2022 Station 91 at 7:30 PM

Revenue Exploratory Committee

Held on March 23, 2022 at 1:00 PM via Zoom

ECAAB

TBA

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Chief Carnes asked Debbie Macias to print out the certificates that Brian Snure sent over for the seminar to fill it out and print it out for those who need it done.

Commissioner Seeds thanked Chief Carnes for keeping a positive attitude when part of the staff left at the same time and that he was able to get the positions filled in a timely manner.

Commissioner Hofmaster commented that he is looking forward to his first Open House with everyone and that he enjoyed the seminar.

Commissioner Martin commented on the Clark County Leadership round table event that is happening on April 22, 2022 she explained how it worked and asked who would like to go to represent East County Fire and Rescue. She asked if Commissioner Hofmaster wanted to be our representative. He said yes.

Take away from the Snure Seminar – We are required to have open public comments. We have always done it but it is now a requirement.

When we go back to in person we are not required to have virtual but it is recommended to have it available.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

Chief Carnes mentioned that he is still working on getting vendors to work on our financial and facility analysis. He has two topics for our Strategic Planning Meeting, which is the financial, and facility analysis and fire chief recruitment.

**LOCAL BOARD FOR VOLUNTEER F/F & RESERVE OFFICERS:**

No New Business.

**ROUND TABLE:**

Monthly Event Calendar.

Strategic Planning Workshop Meeting changed to April 12<sup>th</sup> 3:00 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Next Regular Board Meeting: April 19, 2022 Station 91, 6:30 PM via Zoom.

**Motion by Commissioner Taggart to adjourn at 19:14 hours, seconded by Commissioner Hofmaster. Motion passed unanimously.**

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