

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

**October 18, 2022**

**Station 91**

**6:30 PM**

**Approved Minutes**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Martha Martin  
Sherry Petty  
Robert Jacobs  
John Prasch

Mike Taggart  
Steve Hofmaster  
Debbie Macias  
Lieutenant Brent

Joshua Seeds  
Mike Carnes  
Zach Allen

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Approval of October 04, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
Approval of October 04 2022 Local BVFF&RO Meeting Minutes  
Approval of October 04, 2022 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes  
Approval of October 05, 2022 Strategic Planning Meeting Minutes  
Approval of October 12, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes  
Approval of Financial Transactions  
Excuse Absent Commissioner(s):

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

**OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**STAFF REPORT:**

Chief Carnes report; a copy is in the packet.  
Discussion of the Nakia Fire ensued.  
Assistant Chief Jacobs gave his report as follows:  
DOC training will be on November 15, 2022.  
September EST/Tender training was on September 27, 2022.  
October EST/Tender training will be October 25, 2022 at Station 93 at 7:00 PM.

**VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION:**

Nothing new to report.

**SAFETY REPORT:**

- Last Safety Committee meeting held on September 22, 2022.
- Next Safety Committee meeting November 30, 2022 at Station 91 at 7:30 PM.
- There was an incident involving a vent wheel on squad 91. Discussion ensued.

**FIRE DISTRICT BUSINESS:**

Resolution No. 301-10182022 FY2022 Amended Operating Budget

The purpose of this resolution is to adopt FY2022 Amended Operating Budget.

**Motion by Commissioner Taggart to approve** Resolution No. 301-10182022 to adopt the FY2022 Amended Operating Budget, **seconded by Commissioner Seeds. Motion passed unanimously.**

Chief Carnes asked the Board if they had any questions on the FY2023 Operating Draft Budget. There were no questions or changes at this time.

Purchase Request Approval – Portable radio batteries x 10

Chief Carnes asked for the Board’s approval to purchase 10 batteries for the portable radios.

**Motion by Commissioner Taggart to approve** the purchase of 10 batteries for the portable radios in the amount of \$1,420.16 **seconded by Commissioner Hofmaster. Motion passed unanimously.**

Chief Carnes asked the Board how they want to move forward with the search for a Chief candidate. Discussion ensued.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Communication with Neighboring Elected Officials

City of Camas – October 25, 2022 City Hall at 2:00 PM

City of Washougal –TBA

Risk Group

TBA

Safety Committee Representative

November 30, 2022

Revenue Exploratory Committee

TBA

ECAAB

TBA –Commissioner Martin suggested that maybe we set up the meeting and invite the rest of the committee. Commissioner Seeds said he would talk with Chief Carnes about setting that up.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Petty commented on how grateful she is for everything that all of the departments are doing to fight the fire and keeping everyone safe.

Commissioner Taggart commented that he is grateful as well.

Commissioner Seeds commented that he is happy that everyone is safe and that we were able to host the other departments so that they could manage the fire.

Commissioner Hofmaster wanted to say a job well done and he appreciates everything as well.

Commissioner Martin said she appreciates everything as well. She also said that this is probably not an isolated event and we will probably see conditions like this again in the future.

Chief Carnes stated that there was media in Great Britain that reached out to talk about this fire because it is so unusual for this to happen at this time of year in this part of the region and it has grabbed attention of some across the ocean. We are also the first agency in Clark County to ask for help from the State.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

Brent from the public thanked the Board for letting him join in. He let everyone know he understands the issues that departments are having locating quality candidates finding Chiefs across the board. It is his intent to follow and see what we post for a position and to see if it fits in his qualities as well and maybe they will see his name again.

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

No new business.

**ROUND TABLE:**

Monthly Event Calendar

Strategic Planning Workshop Meeting November 2, 2022 at Station 91 at 3:00 PM and via Zoom – Hybrid version

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment

The Board went into executive session at 19:32 for 15 minutes.

The Board reconvened at 19:48.

No Action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Next Regular Board Meeting: November 01, at Station 91, 6:30 PM via Zoom – Hybrid version.

**Motion by Commissioner Taggart to adjourn at 19:49 hours, seconded by Commissioner Hofmaster.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Martha Martin  
Martha Martin, Chairperson

Sherry Petty  
Sherry Petty, Commissioner

Michael Taggart  
Michael Taggart, Vice Chair

Joshua Seeds  
Joshua Seeds, Commissioner

Steve Hofmaster  
Steve Hofmaster, Commissioner

**ATTEST:**

Debbie Macias  
Debbie Macias, District Secretary

**DISTRICT SEAL:**

