

EAST COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE
REGULAR BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

February 18, 2020

Station 91

6:30 PM

Approved Minutes

ATTENDANCE:

Martha Martin
Mike Berg
Bob Jacobs

Mike Taggart
Joshua Seeds
James Troutman

Sherry Petty
Mike Carnes
Alex Harrington

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Martha Martin at 18:30 at Station 91.
Flag Salute was led by Chairperson Martha Martin.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of February 4, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Approval of February 4, 2020 Local BVFF&RO Meeting Minutes
Approval of February 5, 2020 Special 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:

The Board reviewed the correspondence relating to a class sponsored by Washington Risk Management Group. The class which covers "PTSD and Current Lawsuits" is scheduled for Friday, June 5th in Chelan WA. Commissioner Martin asked if anyone was interested and Commissioner Taggart stated that he was and would have to check his schedule. He stated that he would let Linda know if he decides to attend so she can make the reservations.

STAFF REPORT:

Chief Carnes read his report; a copy is in the packet.

Captain Troutman updated the Board on the plan to participate in a Spring Joint Volunteer Academy with CWFD. He stated that we are hoping for about 4-5 qualified applicants.

Assistant Chief Jacobs gave his report as follows:

February EST training will be on February 24, 2020, Station 93 at 7:00 PM

February DOC training was on February 3, 2020, Station 91 at 7:00 PM, one week earlier than normal. March DOC training will be on 3-9-2020, Station 91 at 7:00 PM.

The new squad chassis is scheduled to be assembled the week of March 23rd in Kansas City. It should arrive here about 21 days later. There was discussion on the cost of possible 4-wheel drive structure engines and if that was something we should consider for the future.

VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION:

Nothing new to report.

SAFETY REPORT:

- Last Safety Committee meeting was on January 15, 2020.
- Next Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2020 at Station 91, 7:30 PM.
- There were 2 incidents since the last board meeting and they are as follows: Engine 91 got stuck in the mud on a call off of Robinson Road. A tow truck had to be called to assist. Also, Engine 91 bent the back bumper after dropping into a ditch responding to a structure fire in Vancouver. The damage appears to be minor and Chief Jacobs will be getting estimates for the repair. Commissioner Petty stated that we seem to be having a little run on these types of incidents lately. Chief Jacobs stated that he has been in discussions with Chief Carnes and we are looking at scheduling an EVIP training session for this spring. This will be a 2-day class with one day in the classroom and one day with a rodeo.

FIRE DISTRICT BUSINESS:

Approve Policy

Policy 00.3.1 Cyber security was reviewed by the board. They would like one more change before approving it. Chief Carnes will discuss the proposed change with Linda Durrett and bring the corrected policy back to the board for approval at their next meeting.

Update on Surplus Vehicle

Chief Carnes stated that squad 96 is ready to go for sale and that the air truck still needs to have the districts name removed from the apparatus. Chief Carnes stated that he will be contacting J. Stout Auctions this next week to see if they are still interested in helping us get them sold.

Station 95

Chief Carnes apprised the Board that we have run into another delay on getting the title cleared for Station 95. All the paperwork is now in order but we just found out that the 2020 property tax on both parcels has to be paid in full per an RCW before the County can process the paperwork. The district does not owe any taxes but the neighbor does. Chief Carnes stated that he thinks it would be unlikely that the neighbor would be willing to pay their property tax for 2020 in advance. Chief Carnes suggested to the board that we hold off on filing the paperwork for the quit claim until the end of October when the taxes are due, once they are paid then file the documents to clear the title. The board directed the Chief to contact the neighbor and let them know of the county requirements and to also contact the district's attorney to see what other options we might have moving forward.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Communication with Neighboring Elected Officials

City of Camas – TBA

City of Washougal – TBA

Risk Group
TBA

Safety Committee Representative
To be held on March 24, 2020, 7:30 PM, Station 91

Revenue Exploratory Committee
TBA

ECAAB
TBA

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Seeds confirmed an email that I forwarded to him that was sent by CWFD Chief Swinhart that stated when we could expect the data that we requested concerning our EMS program. Chief Swinhart stated that we should receive some of the information in March.

Commissioner Taggart attended a “Coffee with a Cop” event in Vancouver WA. The event was held at Cold Cup Coffee shop. He stated that it was well attended and thinks the district should consider this type of event for firefighters. He also stated that the owner of the coffee shop would love to host an event for firefighters.

Chairperson Martin wanted to know what the fire district had in place to protect our first responders from the Coronavirus that’s coming into the country. Chief Carnes stated that our Medical Program Director has been sending information to all responders in the county that covers the needed PPE when responding to a known infected person. The PPE is the same as what we would use for a flu patient.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

No Comments

LOCAL BOARD FOR VOLUNTEER F/F & RESERVE OFFICERS:

None

ROUND TABLE:

Monthly Event Calendar
Strategic Planning Meeting, March 4, 2020, 2:00 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Regular Board Meeting: March 3, 2020 Station 91, 6:30PM

**Motion by Commissioner Taggart to adjourn at 19:30 hours, seconded by Commissioner Petty.
Motion passed unanimously.**

Martha Martin
Martha Martin, Chairperson

Joshua Seeds
Joshua Seeds, Vice Chair

Sherry Petty
Sherry Petty, Commissioner

Mike Berg
Mike Berg, Commissioner

Michael Taggart
Michael Taggart, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Pam Jensen
Pam Jensen, District Secretary

DISTRICT SEAL:

