



**North County Regional Fire Authority
 COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
 STANWOOD / STATION 99
 March 09, 2016
 4pm**

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The following attendees were present:

Commissioners	
X	Larry Longley, Chair
X	Greg Oakes, Vice-Chair
X	Jeff Sinker
X	David Fennell
X	Jan Iverson

Fire Authority Staff	
X	John C. Cermak, Fire Chief
X	Katie Ellis, Board Secretary
X	Randy Krumm, Finance Manager

Meeting called to Order at: 1601 by Commissioner Longley, with all Commissioners present

FLAG SALUTE

Done during Dist.18 Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the Agenda

1st: Commissioner Oakes 2nd Commissioner Sinker

DISCUSSION: None

APPROVED: Unanimous

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

1st: Commissioner Fennell 2nd Commissioner Iverson

DISCUSSION: None

APPROVED: Unanimous

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve the February 24, 2016 meeting minutes

1st: Commissioner Oakes 2nd Commissioner Fennell

DISCUSSION: None

APPROVED: Unanimous

OLD BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Fennell asked why the legal fees were so high. Randy Krumm, Finance Manager explained that of the approximately \$19,000, about \$17,000 of it was for public records requests requiring our legal team to review prior to releasing the records. Randy noted that we have a total budget for 2016 legal fees of \$50,000.00. We have currently spent about half of that. Chief Cermak noted that there is currently a bill on the table with the Legislature that will hopefully help alleviate the impact that public records requests have on organizations.

Commissioner Longley expressed his appreciation for all of the hard work and time spent by the Union Representatives, Administration, and Commissioners on the Labor and Negotiations Committee in order to come to an agreement.



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CHIEF'S REPORT

- Met with Chief Strotz on Thursday re: opportunities to work together as districts and discussed the current meetings that our committee had with one of his commissioners.
- Comm. Oakes, sinker, and Chief Cermak attended the Leadership Conference in Portland. There were great speakers, but the networking was much better. Area fire chiefs and commissioners were able to share current issues, solutions and potential opportunities on better ways to serve the community more efficiently.
- The Admin Staff facilitated a very nice farewell for BC Johnston and associates to recognize his service of twenty years. BC Buchanan sent a very nice thank you for the commemorative watch sent to him in appreciation and recognition of his years of service and retirement.
- Comm. Longley and I met with the labor group several times on Monday. It appears that a contract has been agreed to and the CBA is being changed to reflect the agreement. We will be working together with the labor group to change the organizational structure as agreed in the next thirty days. We will be testing for the position of Lieutenant, Captain and Battalion Chief- Training/Operations. Since each job has been changed with different pay stipends it was agreed that we will test for all positions.
- Randy has been working to get the core of the SAFER grant application done. Now that we have an agreement, and the reorganization will reduce staffing by three full time positions to address fiscal concerns through the next several years until the Stanwood contract is parity to the other districts. This should put us into a responsible position to apply for the SAFER grant and insure that we can sustain the cost of restoring the positions after the two year funding provided by the SAFER grant.
- I am almost complete with the CBA changes reflective of the agreement yesterday. The goal is to get formally approved by the labor group at their meeting on March 16, 2016; then we can move it forward for our approval on March 23, 2016, for approval and signatures.

LABOR LOCAL #4118 COMMENTS

Glad to have come to an agreement with regard to the current CBA

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Shared Services Committee will meet again on March 10th

Commissioner Sinker was absent from the last Sno-Isle meeting due to a conflict with another Commissioner related obligation.

Commissioner Longley attended the Sno-Isle meeting. A lot of information/discussion regarding the new radio requirements was provided.

CORRESPONDENCE

N/A

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chief Cermak attended the Open House for the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians. We also have received a \$150,000 grant from the Stillaguamish Tribe, which will be used for new cardiac monitors.

Oso Slide Survivors Amanda Skorjanc and her son Duke came to the Commission Meeting to meet (again) and thank those who helped her and Duke the day of the slide. Captain Joe Simmons, Firefighter Jeff Walsh and former NCRFA Firefighter Brian Kerr transported Amanda and her son after the slide.

Chief Cermak recognized Volunteer Ryan Boyd for saving his coworkers hand while at his place of employment at a job-site. Without Ryan's quick thinking and ingenuity, the outcome for his coworker would not have turned out with such a positive outcome! GREAT JOB Ryan Boyd!



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EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board broke for Executive Session to review negotiations at 1643 for 15 minutes. The Board reconvened at 1709, with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT


Motion to adjourn at 1709

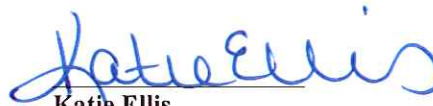
1st: Commissioner Oakes

2nd Commissioner Fennell

DISCUSSION: None

APPROVED: Unanimous


Larry Longley
Chair


Katie Ellis
Board Secretary

