



Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2021

Chairman Steve Fox called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom video conferencing. Commissioner Copple and Commissioner Geiger were present. Chief Halverson, Deputy Chief Fulcher and District Secretary, Cathy Barth, were present. Members of the public were in attendance.

Additions to Agenda – None

Public/Staff Comments – None

Consent Items –

A motion to approve the Minutes of August 9, 2021, was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the Minutes of August 23, 2021, was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed. Commissioner Geiger abstained.

A motion to approve the payroll in the amount of \$119,148.43 was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the following vouchers for payment: Voucher numbers: 0424 through 0468 and totaling \$ 41,381.54 as verified by the District Secretary was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the following Safety Center vouchers for payment: Voucher numbers: 0075 through 0090 and totaling \$50,754.47 as verified by the District Secretary was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Fox under the emergency order restricting public meetings and District 5 Resolutions 2020-01 and 2020-02, authorized Chief Halverson to sign the payroll and vouchers for this month.

Chief's Report – See attached.

Commissioner Geiger asked, while there are currently eighteen candidates and Strategic Government Resources (SGR) plans on eliminating some of the candidates, is there a number they suggest we interview. Chief Halverson replied that SGR suggested five but if there are additional candidates that have good qualifications they will consider them as well.

Commissioner Geiger asked if there had been any progress on the ALS Paramedic program. Chief Halverson replied that we are in need of letters from Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue and that he has not had time to pursue that this past week.

Commissioner Geiger inquired if the remaining items that Trico must complete are major items. The Chief responded that the list of items requiring attention are small things. The gym room flooring is one example of the items that must be fixed.

Secretary's Report – Nothing to report.



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Reports - Commissioner Fox commented that he saw that we had been called to Spada Lake for a campfire. He asked if the District responded. Deputy Chief Fulcher said it was actually at Milepost 12 on Sultan Basin Rd. near Olney pass and we did respond but found nothing.

Old Business –

Commissioner Geiger reported that he had heard a rumor that Granite Falls Fire had tried to hire Paramedics and had no applicants. Chief Halverson replied that Granite Falls is recruiting non Firefighter Paramedics and that they had applicants, some of which were rejected.

Commissioner Geiger suggested that on the Open Issues and Action list that the second and third items on the list be combined. The other Commissioners agreed.

New Business – Commissioner Geiger suggested the Commissioners have a discussion about the pay for the new Chief Officer and the costs associated with the renegotiation of the contract for the Assistant Chiefs promotion to Chief. Chief Halverson suggested the pay would be comparable to the pay of the other districts we surveyed to establish the Assistant Chief wage. Commissioner Geiger asked if we would be paying more for the Chief's position than the Assistant Chief's position. Chief Halverson responded that Fire Districts pay for a Chief is generally slightly more than the Assistant Chief. Commissioner Geiger inquired, what if the new Chief wants an Assistant Chief. Commissioner Fox replied that he would have to come to the Board and make a proposal. Commissioner Fox stated that the funds are there for an Assistant Chief once Chief Halverson has left. Commissioner Geiger stated that thinking about the future regarding both of the positions is a good idea and necessary. He suggested we should be prepared to answer a candidates questions regarding pay. Commissioner Geiger suggested the Commissioners start thinking about when we need to run a levy. The School is running a levy next spring.

Commissioner Comments – Commissioner Fox thanked the staff for being out there providing service every single day. He also thanked the staff for all they have done regarding the new station.

Adjourn - Being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Cathy Barth
District Secretary