



Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

December 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 – Commissioner Fox added a Mural discussion to Old Business.

Public/Staff Comments – None

Consent Items –

A motion to approve the Minutes of November 8, 2021, as amended, was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the Executive Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2021, was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the Minutes of November 22, 2021, was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the payroll in the amount of \$171,211.99 was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the following vouchers for payment: Voucher numbers: 0576 through 0629 and totaling \$54,135.10 as verified by the District Secretary was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the following Safety Center vouchers for payment: Voucher numbers: 0112 through 0123 and totaling \$15,674.83 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.

Secretary's Report – No report.

Old Business – The Commissioners discussed the David Hose Mural proposal. Commissioner Fox thought contacting the Sultan City Arts council to help with funding was a good idea. Commissioner Geiger reported that the community members he has spoken to do not feel using the Bond money for the project is a good idea. He agreed that seeking assistance through the Arts Council or Giving Tree idea as suggested by Deborah Chase were both good ideas. Commissioner Geiger asked Mr. Hose if he had done this type of work for other Fire Districts. Mr. Hose replied that he had not, that he had previously painted the work on the old Fire Station, and what is now the Post Office building. Commissioner Fox asked if Commissioner Copple would contact the Arts Council, he replied he would not. Commissioner Fox then offered to contact the Arts Council.



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Open Issues/Actions - The Commissioners asked that the Recruitment of an Assistant Chief be recorded as closed.

ALS Program – Chief Halverson reviewed the proposal of an ALS program, and our commitment with Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed commitment to the ALS program. Commissioner Geiger inquired if the startup costs had been previously presented. Chief Halverson replied that the cost would be around \$100, 000. Commissioner Geiger then asked what the District Doctor would be charging to oversee the program. Chief Halverson replied that he had not received a definitive answer from the Doctor. He doubted it would increase very much. Commissioner Geiger presented the Chief with several questions regarding a District 5 ALS service. He inquired about the utilization of apparatus and staff if Sky Valley Fire retires their ALS service, and we move forward with ours. Commissioner Geiger expressed his confusion as to why the motion was needed. He felt that the Chief had been given direction at the last Board meeting. The Chief replied that although he was given permission to create a list of candidates that he had not been given a clear commitment to the program. He did not feel it would be fair to the candidates applying for the position if there was not going to be a commitment to an ALS program. A lengthy discussion about the directive to obtain a list of candidates and the motion for a commitment to the ALS program was held. Commissioner Geiger inquired if the plan is to have the Assistant Chief Seth Johnson work toward developing the medic program and hiring the paramedics. Chief Halverson replied yes that the Assistant Chief will be the primary person dealing with the staffing and program. Commissioner Geiger stated that he felt that Assistant Chief Johnson should be able to hire the staff he is going to be working with. Chief Halverson replied that he agreed and that it would not be possible to advertise and hire paramedics prior to his departure in the next three weeks.

A motion was made to authorize Chief Halverson to proceed with development of an ALS program by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple. Commissioner Geiger voted nay and the motion passed.

New Business –

Scissor Lift - Commissioner Geiger discussed his concerns about training, cost, and potential damage to the facilities from inexperienced staff. He felt that renting and hiring a contractor was a better option. Chief suggested that having one would be more efficient and cost effective rather than hiring a contractor to change filters among other duties that require a lift. Deputy Chief Fulcher discussed the need for the lift and gave the reasoning behind the decision for the height and size of the lift. Commissioner Fox asked that lift rental prices and the cost to pay contractors for the work, be brought to the Board so that a comparison can be made. Commissioner Copple reiterated, as he said from a previous meeting, that he felt after we had a year in the building, we would be better able to decide the need for a lift.

PO#2021 – 2753 H & E Equipment - The Purchase Order was denied.



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Commissioner Geiger asked what the number of hours were that could be put on the Hovercraft skirt. Chief Halverson said he believed it was 240 hours. He then asked, with all the training we are doing if one skirt would one be enough and if there is an expiration date on the skirts. The Chief mentioned that there were individual skirt pieces that we could use for replacements and that the purchase of the new skirt would likely be enough.

Commissioner Geiger suggested that questions be asked so we know if another skirt needs to be purchased. He suggested a question-and-answer session be held with Lieutenant Tullis to obtain more information about the Hovercraft in January.

PO#2021 – 2845 Neoteric Hovercraft Inc. A motion to approve **PO#2021-2845 Heavy Duty Skirt System** 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 to the Purchase Order.

Commissioner Comments – Commissioner Fox stated that he was pleased that even though we were building the new station in financially difficult times, we were able to come in under budget by a quarter of a million dollars. He thanked the staff for being financially resourceful. He thanked the crews for their hard work on calls every day.

Commissioner Geiger thanked the District Secretary for amending the public records document. He stated that he was looking forward to working with Chief Johnson and thanked the staff for all they do and Merry Christmas to all.

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 8:22 p.m.

Cathy Barth
District Secretary