



**North County Regional Fire Authority  
 COMMISSIONER'S MEETING  
 STANWOOD / STATION 99  
 November 6, 2015  
 9am**

**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	Janet Iverson
X	Al Ashley

Fire Authority Staff	
X	John C. Cermak, Fire Chief
X	Corey Westerman, Local 4118
X	Randy Krumm, Finance Manager
X	Katie Ellis, Board Secretary

Meeting called to Order at: **9:06am** by Commissioner Longley.  
 All Six Commissioners were present  
**FLAG SALUTE:** Done during Dist.14 Meeting  
**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Motion to approve the Agenda**  
 1<sup>st</sup>: Commissioner Sinker 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Iverson  
**DISCUSSION:** None  
**APPROVED:** Unanimous

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda**  
 1<sup>st</sup>: Commissioner Fennell 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Sinker  
**DISCUSSION:** None  
**APPROVED:** Unanimous

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

2016 Revenue Hearing – No public comments – No discussion  
 First 2016 Budget Hearing – No public comments – No discussion

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Liz Loomis provided post-election results and thanked staff, Commissioners, and Local 4118 for their outstanding work on communicating to the public the importance of this ballot measure. She also provided a list of deliverables provided to NCRFA from her office YTD for 2015.

Ms. Loomis recommends that we consider the dissolution of District 14 and District 18 to be put on the ballot in August of 2016. We could get on the April ballot if we so choose to, however it will be much less expensive if we wait and do it in August. If we consider an Excess Levy, she recommends we wait until 2017. Chief Cermak noted that he is working diligently to find other sources of revenue by way of seeking out grants to support the needs of the department, in hopes of avoiding having to ask the community to vote on another tax increase. He believes that if we spend time seeking out grants we can avoid having to do this.

The Commissioners were provided with the Station 96 Brown Out report documenting when this station was browned out and why. There was discussion regarding the hiring and retaining of Part Time employees in order to keep fully staffed. We have a shortage of part time employees, and this is consistent with most other departments in the area. We are and will continue to remain in contact with the area colleges and high schools in order to recruit qualified part time firefighters. Discussion of possibly hosting another Fire Academy at North County Fire/EMS followed.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

- Commissioner Oakes and the Fire Chief met with the labor group on one occasion re: negotiations.



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- The labor group is looking at the potential of a temporary MOU to change insurance to a different comparable insurance plan in lieu of allowing the 48/96 schedule for another year. I will follow up with the commission for that MOU in the event it comes to fruition.
- Liz Loomis continued to communicate and prepare for the EMS Levy. We met several times on a teleconference and to discuss moving forward.
- Comm. Fennel, Comm. Longley and the Fire Chief attended the Candidates Forum held at Stanwood Middle School.
- Randy and the Fire Chief worked on preparing a 2016 Budget Analysis for a Budget workshop.
- The Disaster Preparedness annual tabletop exercise was held on November 5 at Station 99. Additional training will be conducted with DEM on November 12, preparing for any potential floods within the district.
- SnoPac transitioned over to New World. Crews continue to do a great job focusing on the responses as there are several issues being resolved as well as getting used to a new system.
- We continued work on the Terrastar Lemon Law issue. Apparently the Attorney General was wrong in their paperwork in that the law doesn't apply to those vehicles over 19,000 lbs., but to those with GVAW of 19,000 lbs. and above. This places us into a different situation. We can still go after the company for a Lemon Law, but we would have to hire an attorney to handle the case. Unless I hear differently, I will try to get it fixed and work with them instead of incurring the costs associated with legal/attorneys.
- We have begun the process of reviewing the Community Emergency Management Plan and ILA between Snohomish County Department of Emergency Services and the City of Stanwood.

**LABOR LOCAL #4118 COMMENTS:**

Firefighter Westerman representing Labor Local #4118 was present and expressed that they have been spending a significant amount of time working on the ballot measure and expressed thanks for everyone's help in getting it passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Commissioner Longley shared that at the Sno-Isle Fire Commissioners meeting there was discussion regarding Snopac and Snocom in joining efforts

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Matt Fleishbein had a baby girl and Commissioner Ashley should be having a new grandson born soon

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The meeting broke for Executive Session at 16:37 and expected to last 10 minutes, to review the performance of a public employee per RCW 42.30.110(g). Executive Session was extended 10 more minutes, ending at 17:11 with no action taken.

The regular meeting was called to order again at 17:11.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

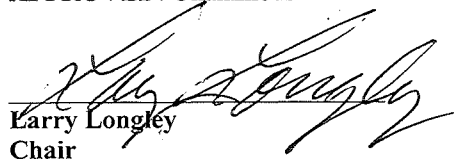
**Motion to adjourn at 17:11**


1<sup>st</sup>: Commissioner Oakes

2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Iverson

**DISCUSSION:** None

**APPROVED:** Unanimous

  
Larry Longley  
Chair

  
Katie Ellis  
Board Secretary