

## NORTH COUNTY REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY

8117267<sup>th</sup> St NW  
Stanwood, WA 98292-7879  
Recorded Meeting

The Board of Commissioners of North County Regional Fire Authority, meeting was called to order by Commissioner Bratland, **August 27, 2014**, at Station 97 at 4:05 PM. Commissioners in attendance were Commissioner Jeff Sinker, Commissioner Larry Longley, Commissioner Richard Bratland and Commissioner Greg Oakes. Also present were Assistant Chief Bob Eastman, Battalion Chief Scott Johnston, District Secretary Sue Evenson and several guests.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Bratland called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

**FLAG SALUTE:** Commissioner Bratland led the meeting in the flag salute.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Commissioner Longley requested to add Fire Chief Selection to Old Business and Sno Isle Risk Management Meeting to New Business.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Commissioner Longley made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda approving the minutes of the August 13, July 9<sup>th</sup> and August 19<sup>th</sup> (amended) meeting and the General Expense Fund Vouchers 1408045 thru 140870 in the amount of \$39,088.58. Commissioner Magee seconded the motion. The motion was moved, seconded, and carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Budget Retreat** – The board budget retreat has been scheduled for Saturday, October 11, 2014, at the Natural Resource Center Board Room from 9:00am-5:00pm. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Commissioner Sinker asked if the general open house was on the same day. It was decided to move the open house to a different date, to be determined.
- **Fire Chief Search:** Commissioner Longley gave an update on the Fire Chief Search Committee. We had 56 applicants. We have chosen 12 candidates as their primary and eight alternates. Commissioner Longley discussed that the next step is telephone interviews which will be held September 22 & 23<sup>rd</sup> at Station 99 from 9-3. From those interviews, 6 will be selected for the final round of interviews which are October 5<sup>th</sup> will be a public meet and greet for the public and October 6<sup>th</sup> will be final interviews of the 6 candidates. The board has asked Sue to research the travel costs for candidates the next meeting.
- **NTN:** National Testing Network (Ergometrics and Applied Personnel Research) gave a presentation to the board on the services they offer.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Finance Report:** Finance Report was presented to the board for review.
- **Surplus:** Chief Johnston presented surplus items to the commission board. Discussion was held on the 1995 Spartan Fire Engine. Commissioner Longley mentioned that Robe Valley needs an engine. Discussion was held on doing a government to government sale. Commissioners asked Chief Johnston to contact Robe Valley to see if

they are interested in the Engine. Discussion was also held on the surplus of VRM radios for \$1. Currently Darrington Fire is using these types of radios. Commissioner Oakes made a motion to give Darrington all four radios for \$1. Longley seconded the motion. Discussion was held on the Ferno Stretchers. Commissioner Oakes asked if we could gift them and after more discussion it was decided to have them sold as no value to the Fire Authority and sell for best price. Commissioner Oakes made a motion to sell the Ferno Stretchers for best price. Commissioner Magee seconded the motion. It was moved, seconded and carried

- **Resolution 08272014-0: Darley Engine-** It was decided to remove this item from the meeting as we will need to research the sale of this engine to determine how we can sell it for \$1.
- **Risk Management Meeting:** Commissioner Longley attended the risk management meeting and discussed the new insurance given available for responders. The representative will be visiting the fire authority sometime in October with Chief Johnston to discuss the option further.

#### **CHIEF'S REPORT:**

- **Stillaguamish Tribes-** Chief Johnston met with Tribal Chair Sean Yanity on the current contract we have with the tribes. Discussions between the tribes and the North County Regional Fire Authority will continue as they are more than willing to discuss options available to increase the contract amounts.
- **Recommendation Letter-** Chief Johnston presented the board with a recommendation letter to further evaluate regionalization with other fire departments. Chief Johnston asked the board to reconsider to consider the District 1 offer to assist us in administering our department while we search other long term options. Second option he asked was for the Board to draft a letter of interest and send it out to all interested parties. The third option he presented was to make it know in an interest letter that we have a long list of potential candidates for Fire Chief and we are willing to partner with someone to hire a chief and share administration costs and then work towards potential merger. After further discussions, it was decided that Commissioner Bratland would contact the Board Chair at District 1 and set up a meeting to discuss administration assistance and what that might look like. Commissioner Longley would contact Marysville, Arlington and Lake Stevens to see if there is any interest within those fire districts. More discussion will at a special meeting in the coming weeks.
- **New Ambulance:** Chief Johnston asked the board if we can proceed with ordering the new ambulance as the funds were already approved and it will take 225 days to build it. The Commissioners agreed to move forward and order the ambulance.
- **BC Report:** Chief Johnston presented the BC report for review
- **Blue Ribbon Panel-** Chief Eastman briefed the commission on the panel that has been set by the Governor with regards to the OSO landslide.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The Board was presented with thank you letters from the Governor and Warm Beach Community Association.

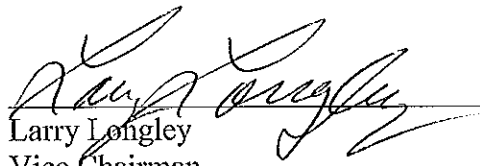
**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 5:39 to discuss potential litigation. The session will last approximately 20 minutes. Commissioners came out of executive session at 6:03 p.m. with no action taken.

**BOARD FOR VOLUNTEERS FIREFIGHTERS MEETING:**

Sue Evenson, District Secretary presented the pension paperwork for approval. Commissioner Oakes made a motion to approve the pension paperwork for Jim Stutzman. Commissioner Magee seconded the motion. It was moved, seconded and carried

**ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Oakes made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Magee seconded the motion. The motion was moved, seconded, and carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

  
Larry Longley  
Vice Chairman

  
Sue Evenson  
Board Secretary