

NORTH COUNTY REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
January 14, 2015

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	Bob Magee
x	Janet Iverson

Fire Authority Staff	
X	John C. Cermak, Fire Chief
	Bob Eastman, Assistant Chief
	Scott Johnston, Battalion Chief
	Joel Smith, Battalion Chief
	Rob Buchanan, Battalion Chief
X	Sheri Stevens, Acting Board Secretary
X	Local Rep(s)

This meeting was recorded for reference only. Commissioner Longley opened the meeting at 16:04.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Comments from the public will be taken at this time.

Ms. Dena Adkins made the suggestion that the Fire Authority consider hiring different legal council, as the Fire Authority has lost a very important case and has advised the Board about other HR matters without "dotting the Is and crossing the Ts" in her opinion.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Commissioner Iverson motioned to approve the agenda, and seconded by Commissioner.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Commissioner Fennell motioned to approve the consent agenda and commissioner Sinker seconded. Approved by consensus.

OLD BUSINESS

- Policy Number 27 – Dress Code Policy review. Agreed to the police made to date but there is no change put forth at this time.

Commissioner Oakes asked about how these are getting reviewed. Chief Cermak noted that BC Scott Johnson will be heading this up with more to come on that topic later.

- Executive Assistant Job Position: Eight applicants so far, opening closes on Friday, January 16.

NEW BUSINESS

- Intergovernmental Agreement: NCRFA & Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians. Commissioner Oakes and Chief Cermak met with Tribe Chair, Shawn Yanity, to present for review.
- Support 99 Agreement – Commissioner Longley noted they (Support 99) had been busy this month. Chief Cermak addressed how we are working with them and that group's contribution to what the Fire Authority does.

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Commissioner Oakes motioned to approve the Letter of Understanding, Commissioner Sinker seconded and approved by consensus. Secretary noted there was funding in the budget already and no need to add funding.

- 2015 Surplus – Hose: From Station 99 and other stations. Need to dispose of it at this time. Chief Cermak noted such material can be an asset to bridge building. Nice to off for marina use. Commissioner Fennell motioned to approve with Commissioner Magee to second. Commissioner Fennell asked if ends were cut off and Will King noted that all hose is marked for de-commission. Commissioner Oakes asked about pony parts, this was confirmed as complete. Approved by consensus.
- Fencing Quote – Station 90 / Maintenance Bay – Chief Cermak talked about the need to build a service bay at Station 90 with the benefit of cost reduction to our vehicle maintenance by having less mechanic travel and in a lesser taxing district.

There was discussion about what the fencing was protecting, who had access and the Hold Harmless requirements.

Chief Cermak reported that security was important as recently Station 92 had been broken into and several saws were stolen. Matt Johnson noted that upon inspection the back side door was pried open and was damaged. Forced entry, not code entry. That door is often forgotten about. Missing saws-all, circular saw and others missing. Unmanned station is checked every Sunday. Damaged door now dead-bolted.

Commissioner Fennell asked about Station 90 and securing the equipment and Cermak noted the hold harmless only covers our stuff. Oakes asked if this was a plan for NCRFA only.

Commissioner Longley asked for motions for Items 2 and 4 on the proposal. Commissioner Magee motioned to approve with Commissioners Iverson and Sinker to seconded. Agreed by consensus.

- Commissioner Meeting Prep Timeline. Review not motion required.
- Election of 2015 Chair and Vice-Chair for NCRFA: Commissioner Sinker nominated Larry Longley, Commissioner Magee seconded the nomination. For Vice Chair, Commissioner Longley nominated Greg Oakes to continue as Vice-Chair, Commissioner Sinker seconded. Agreed by consensus.

CHIEF'S REPORT

- Chief Cermak congratulated the Lingel's for their new baby born on Jan 12.
- Cermak reviewed his shift meetings and is now on half of the one-on-one meetings with the staff. His meetings have gone well and has met with the Association and some of the volunteers.
- Hazmat mitigation training set up.
- Chief Cermak talked about the city of Stanwood 4th quarter and several of his upcoming meetings: Finance, Public Safety on 29th regarding our contract.

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- Attended the Red Cross for Heros breakfast, the Fire Authority hosted the SnoCo Chiefs Association breakfast meeting at Station 99 and Chief Cermak met with legal council last week.

LABOR LOCAL #4118 COMMENTS:

No comment.

CORRESPONDENCE: Transport Waiver Authorization for Jinixia Gao and Harland Paige. After review the Board has requested the Secretary find out more information from Systems Design EMS on rejected transport waiver requests

Letter to the Editor – Fire on Christmas Night, A-Shift. Commissioner Oakes acknowledged the A-shift personnel present and not present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Discussion of public employees. The meeting went into executive session at 16 44 for 60 minutes and extended in 30 minute increments.

Meeting reconvened at 18:11.

Actions from Executive Session:

Item #1 The Board accepts the Chief recommendation.

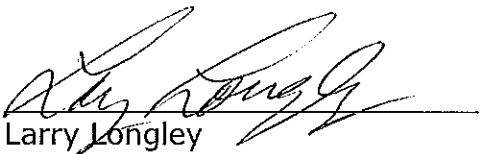
Item #2 Arbitration – Action not taken on this very large discussion and there are many new questions.

Commissioner Longley addressed the meeting attendees and conveyed the Board's concerned about the care and welfare of all the employees of the Fire Authority and while there have been difficult challenges in future and in the recent past, there is a confidence they will be overcome.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Magee motioned to adjourn; Commissioner Fennell seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 18:33.

BOARD FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S MEETING: (Board Members: Chairman and one Board Member, Secretary, Chief, and one Firefighter elected by their membership):


Larry Longley
Chairman


Sheri Lynn Stevens
Acting Board Secretary