



**North County Regional Fire Authority
 COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
 STANWOOD / STATION 99
 May 18, 2015
 SPECIAL 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
x	Katie Ellis, Board Secretary

All six Fire Commissioners were present. This meeting was recorded for reference only.
 Called to Order at: 10:00am by Commissioner Longley.

FLAG SALUTE: Commissioner Longley.

AGENDA: Conferences

Commissioner Longley announced that the special meeting was called to discuss the Chelan Conference

MOTION: A motion was made to cancel all reservations for the Chelan Conference
 1st: Commissioner Oakes 2nd: Commissioner Iverson

DISCUSSION: Discussion followed and was centered on the importance of education and staying abreast of current issues for the Fire Commissioners, as well as showing fiduciary responsibility with NCRFA funds. Pros and Cons of attendance at the Chelan conference were addressed and discussed. Also addressed were possible compromises that can be made such as: having only a few Commissioners attend or make the trip to Lake Chelan a day-trip (eliminating the need for lodging costs). There was also discussion regarding how to appropriately handle/correct the misinformation some of the public may be receiving.

VOTE: Split Vote – Motion Failed with Commissioners Sinker, Magee, and Fennell voting no.

MOTION: A motion was made to allow the NCRFA Commissioners to attend the Lake Chelan Conference only if they agree to reimburse NCRFA their Commission wages for May and June, in lieu of conference registration and hotel fees.
 1st: Commissioner Magee 2nd: None

DISCUSSION: Discussion followed regarding overall public perception of the Fire Commissioner's attendance at the Lake Chelan Conference. Included in this discussion were concerns regarding attendance at the State Conference in Tulalip, which we are assisting as one of the participating host agencies within Snohomish County.

VOTE: No second – Motion Failed



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RECESS: 11:36am

RECONVENE: 11:40am

Liz Loomis with Liz Loomis Public Affairs was called by Chief Cermak and put on speaker phone to discuss the importance of public perception during a time of budget concerns. Ms. Loomis suggested that if the Commissioners choose to attend the Conference in Lake Chelan, that they write a check before they leave to reimburse the District for any hotel and registration costs. Liz agrees with the Commissioner's concerns that although this conference provides a great educational opportunity, curtailing all travel/training for the Board or allowing for travel/training if the Commission reimburses makes more sense during this time.

AMENDED MOTION: A motion was made to allow the NCRFA Commissioners to attend the Lake Chelan Conference only if they agree to reimburse NCRFA for the cost.

1st: Commissioner Magee 2nd: None

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: No second – Motion Failed

MOTION: Due to budget constraints the Commission is declining to attend Lake Chelan Conference in June and will reevaluate further travel and training according to individual training sessions until further notice.

1st: Commissioner Oaks 2nd: Commissioner Iverson

DISCUSSION:

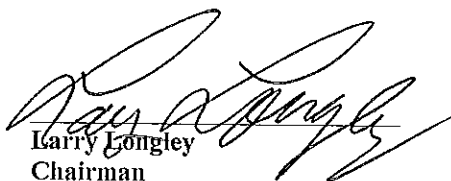
APPROVED: Approved with Commissioner Magee opposing

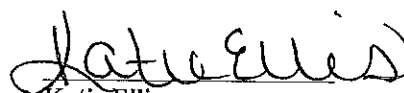
ADJOURNMENT: Motioned to adjourn the meeting 12:07pm

1st: Commissioner Oakes 2nd Commissioner Magee

DISCUSSION: None

APPROVED: Unanimous


Larry Longley
Chairman


Katie Ellis
Board Secretary