



**North County Regional Fire Authority**  
**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING**  
Hybrid  
**April 26, 2023**  
**4:00pm**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The following attendees were present:

**COMMISSIONERS**

- Rob Johnson, Chair
- Jan Iverson
- Judy Williams
- Ric Cade
- Debora Nelson
- Barb Tolbert excused
- Marilyn Oertle
- ~~Larry Longley~~ (excused)
- Greg Oakes

**FIRE AUTHORITY STAFF**

- John Cermak, Fire Chief
- Dave Kraski, Deputy Fire Chief
- Doug ten Hoopen, Assistant Fire Chief
- Katie Casey, Human Resources Manager
- Randy Krumm, Finance Director
- Kari Wheeler, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm by Chairman Johnson.

**EMPLOYEE AND PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA**

1<sup>st</sup>: Commissioner Oakes                      2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Nelson

**Discussion:** None

**APPROVED:** Unanimous

**MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

1<sup>st</sup>: Commissioner Iverson                      2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Cade

**Discussion:** None

**APPROVED:** Unanimous

**MOTION TO APPROVE MARCH 22, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

1<sup>st</sup>: Commissioner Oakes                      2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Nelson

**Discussion:** None

**APPROVED:** Unanimous



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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**MOTION TO EXTEND BY 1 MONTH, MEDIATION WITH CITY OF ARLINGTON ILA FOR FIRE MARSHAL SERVICES**

1<sup>st</sup>: Commissioner Oertle                      2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Oakes

**Discussion:** None

**APPROVED:** Unanimous

**OUTDOOR BURNING UPDATE – Discussion Only**

Chief Cermak provided a written response from NCRFA's attorney regarding Responding to Burn Permit Complaints and Enforcement of Violations.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION TO APPROVE CHIEF KRASKI TO THE NCRA CAUCUS APPOINTMENT TO SNO911**

1<sup>st</sup>: Commissioner Nelson                      2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Williams

**Discussion:** None

**APPROVED:** Unanimous

**POTENTIAL ILA WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

Discussion only. No motion was made.

**MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT** was presented by Finance Director, Randy Krumm.

**CHIEF'S REPORT** as presented by Chief John Cermak

- Karen Reed, Paul Ellis and I participated in another meeting with a tentative agreement to forward to the lawyers. We will need to request an additional 30 days to the end of April timeline with the expectation to bring a final product to the May 24 Commissioner's Meeting.
- SB5770 increases the maximum allowable to 103% instead of 101%. This would allow the Board of Commissioners the ability to approve locally up to the 3% maximum where appropriate based on growth and inflation, where we are currently allowed a maximum of 1%. I sent a letter to our local legislators requesting consideration of approval for this allowance.
- Chief Kraski and I met with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to discuss the possibility of allowing DNR the use of Station 96, excluding the SCEMS office and all but one apparatus bay. I explained that we had plans to staff the station after January 1, 2024, with a successful EMS levy vote. A staff report was developed to share the thoughts of a potential ILA partnership with DNR.
- Several backgrounds and psychological reports were reviewed for the hiring of personnel.
- I worked with Richard Davis on the requested information about nuisance fires and the educational piece in the Board package to answer questions posed regarding a current issue.

**IAFF LOCAL 3438 REPORT**

No report



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**BOARD DISCUSSION – COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Williams and her committee are working to get a survey out to the Commission in the next couple of weeks regarding Chief Cermak's evaluation. The committee is putting together questions and getting a survey built through Spider Gap.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN 4:50 pm**

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Commissioner Oakes   **2<sup>nd</sup>** Commissioner Williams

**Discussion:**

**APPROVED:** Unanimous

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*Rob Johnson*

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**Rob Johnson**  
**Board Chair**

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*Kari Wheeler*

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**Kari A. Wheeler**  
**Board Secretary**