

North County Regional Fire Authority

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

Hybrid

May 10, 2023 4:00pm

CALL TO ORDER

The following attendees were present:

COMMISSIONERS

Rob Johnson, Chair

Jan Iverson

Judy Williams

Ric Cade

Debora Nelson (excused)

Barb Tolbert Marilyn Oertle

Larry Longley Greg Oakes (excused) **FIRE AUTHORITY STAFF**

John Cermak, Fire Chief

Dave Kraski, Deputy Fire Chief

Doug ten Hoopen, Assistant Fire Chief

Kari Wheeler, Commission Secretary / Admin. Assistant

Randy Krumm, Finance Director

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

EMPLOYEE AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Adam Bursell gave public comment regarding policy and enforcement of outdoor burning regulations.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

1st: Commissioner Iverson

2nd Commissioner Cade

Discussion: None

APPROVED: Unanimous

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

1st: Commissioner Oertle

2nd Commissioner Iverson

Discussion: None

APPROVED: Unanimous

MOTION TO APPROVE April 26, 2023 MEETING MINUTES w/ the amendment of updating "spider monkey"

to "Spider Gap" in reference to a survey being prepared by the Chief's Review Committee

1st: Commissioner Tolbert

2nd Commissioner Williams

Discussion: None

APPROVED: Unanimous



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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No agenda items or discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

No agenda items or discussion.

CHIEF'S REPORT as presented by Chief John Cermak

- FFPM Chris Taylor has been off work for quite some time beginning with a work-related injury while training that was complicated by a significant medical issue while he was off on injury. He exhausted all leave and donated leave forcing FFPM Taylor to medically separate from employment. He is of retirement age, has long and short-term disability and NCRFA has offered to allow him to return to work if a vacancy exists at a later date, if he is deemed able to return and passes all NCRFA entry requirements. We wish him well and speedy recovery.
- I attended the recruit evaluations in Gold Bar. All are doing a tremendous job representing NCRFA. A notable achievement that Recruit Jessica Taylor has earned every award in the academy. They graduate next week; I will be unable to attend as I am out of town. Chief Kraski is the keynote speaker and will be present.
- The training center development is coming to a quasi end. Faber is almost complete and removing most of their equipment, inspectors will be finalizing inspections, sub-contractors are completing the final touches. Once this is done, final payments will be completed and reconciled to figure out the money remaining to complete the second pad prop with another vender.
- The TAG has been hard at work securing contracts and information to prepare the use by others as we
 move forward. Randy, Scott and Comm Cade are circling in on a use fee for the facility. The chiefs have
 asked that we try to get them a per student fee estimation by month's end at latest as all are starting
 budget preparation.
- I have spent time gathering SOPs for the training center to facilitate the impending opening of the site. I will present drafts to the TAG and Training BC for input and changes.
- Station 90 experienced a water issue with the new system due to lack of chlorine being maintained. Personnel were moved to Station 96 until a clean water report could be ascertained after 7 days.
- I conducted an EMS Levy presentation to Stanwood Camano Rotary that was very positive. I met with Les Anderson and set up a presentation with the Economic Alliance of Stanwood/Camano and reached out to Al Schreiber to connect with the Warm Beach Community.
- I spent a good amount of time observing the training for the Draeger Training Tower. Seven different agencies were represented in the training and all crews are really looking how best to utilize the new tool in training our people to the highest level.
- Karen Reed, Paul Ellis and I participated in another meeting on May 8 with Steve Goforth and Kevin Olander. This was a good meeting and will lead into a meeting with attorneys next week NCRFA hosted an area wildfire meeting through DEM at Station 48. Executive Somers spoke as part of the presentation.



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IAFF LOCAL 3438 REPORT

Captain Normand expressed appreciation to the Commission and Fire Authority Chiefs for working to increase staffing.

BOARD DISCUSSION – COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Cade met last week with the Training Advisory Group. They saw no objection to conversations with DNR on the possibility of their use of space.

Commissioner Williams's committee reports the Spider Gap survey is in the process of being customized and hope to have it out by the next meeting.

Commissioner Iverson and the Compensation Committee should have data on non-represented staff by the end of the month.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Happy Birthday to Commissioner Nelson Best of luck to Commissioner Oakes's son at the NCAA D2 Super Regionals.

MOTION TO ADJOURN 4:38 pm

1st: Commissioner Iverson 2nd Commissioner Williams

Discussion:

APPROVED: Unanimous

Kari A. Wheeler

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Board Secretary

Board Chair

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Rob Johnson

Marilyn Oertle Board Vice-Chair