



North County Regional Fire Authority
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
via ZOOM
March 09, 2022
4:00pm

“called”. Jim Nelson stated that it cannot be. The loan requires the funds to be spent in 36 months – Commissioner Cermak stated that this will work well with the training center construction timelines and will not be an issue. Commissioner Cermak stated it should be complete by October or November 2022.

Chief Cermak stated we will work to get together with the Stillaguamish Tribe, likely at our next Banquet (which was previously planned and cancelled due to COVID).

Commissioner Oakes stated that all Commissioners should have received a copy of the Commission Guidelines provided by our attorney Richard Davis. A Committee should be established to review and make changes as agreed upon. Commissioner Cade has expressed interest in this. If others would like to participate please let Commissioner Oakes know. The Committee will be limited to 3 people.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Kraski, Katie Casey, and Chief Cermak completed the process for the Battalion Chief Examination. Seven people applied for the Battalion Chief's Examination; three have backed out. All candidates were briefed on the examination process, dates and expectations.

Flood monitoring occurred for a couple of days where there was some concern as the river gauge moved into the moderate area of concern with high tides and rain.

Several personnel issues have been in the process of being dealt with and taken some time and planning.

AAL Ride-alongs are continuing with encouraging results. We are slowly integrating a new communication model with positive feedback.

Kudos to Chief Kraski, Chief Smith, and Chief McNulty and the crews! A mass clean-up/clean out of stations will result in a yard sale on Saturday, April 2, at Station 46. Many tools were repaired with assistance from Mike Torissi, Brayden Nealy and Julian Gilman.

May 9th is the date that the BCs will begin their new positions. It is coming quick and we anticipate meeting all of the RFA Plan outcomes early. We will celebrate all of the hard work, patience and grace that it took to get this done at shift change the morning of May 9th with promotional recognition, recognizing the six new hires, and passing out the new uniforms with the new logos and patches. Originally, we planned to make promotions in October for 24-hour command and control Battalion Chiefs. By entering into the consortium, we were able to ensure all six new hires positions in the academies in February for completion in April. All are doing well and representing NCRFA well. Chief Kraski and Chief Cermak have alternated attending evaluations based on availability and best use of time.

Plans for the new Pierce Engine 46 are inked, finalized, and ready for production. We expect the final inspection by the first week of July, if not earlier. The committee made the final stamp of approval with John Keffer.

Steve Goforth was given his conditional offer of employment and is through most of the background process. He will be officially an employee March 14. We anticipate Chief McNulty taking a week or two to onboard him. Chief McNulty has been a great asset and friend to the NCRFA; Chief Cermak thanks him for all he has done and recognize him publicly as the best Fire Marshal he has had the pleasure to work with. A true professional that exudes the Core Values of North County Regional Fire Authority that hopes will come back to visit for a cup of coffee. Steve Goforth has some big shoes to fill.



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Just a couple of personnel recognitions: Julian Gilman, Zander Woofenden- Chief Cermak says he is watching! Lots of hard training is going on to prepare our PTE new hires. Steve Daggett- stepping up again... continuing mentorship for Ryan Jaromin; now stepping up to developing OTEP EMS training above and beyond his job description.

Staff worked on a request for the County Executive, with support from the Snohomish County Fire Chief’s Association, the request for supporting funding for the training center with ARPA funds. The county is soliciting projects for funding per Nate Nehring. Chief Cermak and Chief Kraski met with Councilperson Nehring today before this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Sno-Isle Banquet is being held March 26th at Angel of the Winds Casino/Resort. Reservations must be made no later than March 10th. Please let Kayley know ASAP if you are interested in attending.

CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you note and handmade wooden USA flag was gifted to the NCRFA by Dave and Kim Donelson

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Tolbert inquired about whether or not the All-American Leadership presentation would be held in Executive Session. It will not be held in Executive Session – the presentation will be during the open public meeting on March 23rd.

Commissioner Johnson asked Doug ten Hoopen to provide an overview of the new roof project for Station 99. The contractor discovered several areas that need a bit more extensive fixing prior to a new roof being put on. This will help with future repair expenses etc.

Commissioner Cade state that Whatcom Fire and LERA both have some upcoming training that some might find interesting. Information can be found on their website.

MOTION TO ADJOURN at 5:08pm

1st: Commissioner Oertle

2nd Commissioner Williams

Discussion: none

APPROVED: Unanimous

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