

# **North County Regional Fire Authority**

## COMMISSIONER'S MEETING via ZOOM March 10, 2021 4:00pm

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The following attendees were present:

**COMMISSIONERS** Greg Oakes, Chair Jan Iverson Judy Williams Ric Cade

Larry Longley, Vice-Chair

Rob Johnson

FIRE AUTHORITY STAFF

John Cermak, Fire Chief

Don Bartlett, Assistant Fire Chief Mike Makela, Assistant Fire Chief Katie Casey, Board Secretary Randy Krumm, Finance Manager

Kayley Mizell, Administrative Assistant

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA with amendments to remove Bound Tree Supply Agreement and add Brush Truck

**Proposal** 

1<sup>st</sup>: Commissioner Iverson

2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Johnson

**DISCUSSION:** 

**APPROVED:** Unanimous

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

**DISCUSSION:** 

**APPROVED:** Unanimous

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 24, 2021 MINUTES** 

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

DISCUSSION:

**APPROVED:** Unanimous

The Board of Commissioners went into Executive Session at 4:03 and resumed the regular meeting at 4:46 with direction given to the Fire Chief.

### **EMPLOYEE and PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Doug tenHoopen provided the Board with an update on the Training Center

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

MOTION TO APPROVE MOVE THE CURRENT RESCUE BOX CONFIGURATION TO A FLAT BED DESIGN ON THE BRUSH TRUCK PROJECT

2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Longley 1<sup>st</sup>: Commissioner Johnson

**DISCUSSION:** 

**APPROVED:** Unanimous

Chief Makela presented his Community Risk Reduction Monthly Report



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#### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

The RFA Staff Group met and began to move into the implementation phase of the RFA annexation of City of Arlington. We will continue to convene the RFA Governance group on Monday evenings anticipated monthly to communicate the progress and developments. We have formed committee groups manage the tasks at hand.

Darin Reid and Chief Cermak conducted a presentation for the North Sound Accountable Community of Health regarding the Mass Vaccination Sites. They were very impressed with the outcomes and pleased with the outcomes from our partnership. They have some ideas on how to assist on future funding of the position. We will meet again soon to continue discussions.

Several meetings have occurred with key agencies regarding fire/EMS involvement in the Mass Vaccination Sites moving forward and when to ramp down. It is normal with any large incident that Fire/EMS has heavy involvement to get started and transitions out as the system is developed and reduces in size and need.

A cross section of community leaders were asked to participate in a Broadband Action Team for the County. We will meet monthly to support the Snohomish Team.

Chief Cermak met with a videographer and recognized the many donations and partnership with the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians while nominating Shawn Yanity as Philanthropist of the Year for the Stanwood Camano Area Foundation.

Greg Markley reviewed our SAFER grant and provided input to the language. Adjustments were made and the grant was submitted an hour ago. Our only weak point was not providing NFPA 1582 physicals; Greg shared that NWFFT has negotiated that into the contract and all firefighters in NWFFT healthcare are provided an annual physical and Lifescan at no increased cost to the RFA. He is forwarding the information to me so that Katie can share the news with all of the employees.

NCAR will begin to phase out our involvement at the Mass Vaccination Sites. Darin Reid should be back to NCRFA work in two weeks. Overtime opportunities for NCRFA personnel as vaccinators will continue to prevail until approximately mid-June. The projected use of those sites is expected to double due to vaccine availability, but rapidly ramp down mid-May to mid-June. The vaccinations will then be transferred more towards conventional vaccination methodology where pharmacies and clinics provide them moving forward. It is expected that the majority of eligible vaccinations can be completed under our current system through June.

Chief Kraski and Chief Cermak sequestered themselves to dive deeper into the transition plan and implementation plan for the new NCAR.

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N/A

CORRESPONDENCE

N/A

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Johnson noted that one year ago today the super-spreader in Mt Vernon occurred.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn at 5:18pm

1<sup>st</sup>: <u>Commissioner Johnson</u> 2<sup>nd</sup> <u>Commissioner Williams</u>

**Discussion:** 

**APPROVED:** Unanimous

Board Chair	Board Secretary
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