



**North County Regional Fire Authority**  
**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING**  
via ZOOM  
**September 09, 2020**  
**4:00pm**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The following attendees were present:

**COMMISSIONERS**

~~Greg Oakes, Chair~~ - Excused  
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

**EMPLOYEE and PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Johnson

**DISCUSSION:**

**APPROVED:** Unanimous

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Iverson

**DISCUSSION:**

**APPROVED:** Unanimous

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion to approve the August 26, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Johnson

**DISCUSSION:**

**APPROVED:** Unanimous

**OLD BUSINESS**

N/A

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Cermak reviewed the staff report for hiring a Temporary Project Manager. Commissioner Johnson stated he felt that the desired qualifications should be monitored as some of the work may need to be subcontracted. Commissioner Iverson noted that her family member owns a heavy equipment company and thought the salary may be low and we should be prepared to consider a higher salary. Chief Cermak stated we would advertise for 2-3 weeks. Commissioner Cade inquired whether or not this would impact our budget negatively and Chief Cermak explained that at this point we have no way of knowing what we aren't aware of at this point. He also noted that the slowdown impact at this point has been due to access issues for the training center driveway.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

Nick Yanity continues developing the 9-11 compilation. There will be a live feed at 1000 hours 9-11-20 on Facebook for the virtual celebration. FF Freedman led several North County Firefighters in preparing for and doing a tremendous job in preparation for recognizing those that made the ultimate sacrifice that day.

The EVT written and manipulative test was completed. We have four strong candidates. Chief's Interviews will be conducted next week.

There have been ongoing discussions with the Training Center with Mackenzie.

Chief Cermak took 40 hours vacation time to address some family needs.



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Liz Loomis and AJ Chippendale have begun collaborating and developing key messages for the next steps in the RFA communications to the public. A meeting occurred today to discuss the committee direction in preparation for our September Committee meeting with the elected. We will meet again tomorrow with staff and Liz on the communications piece.

AFG and SAFER have started dropping every Friday. So far, we have not been approved. We will continue to monitor. Work was completed on the Project Manager position that the Board requested for this commission meeting. November 11 Board meeting falls on Veteran's Day and suggested to move to November 4.

**APPROVAL TO CANCEL MEETING AND CHANGE COMMISSION MEETING DATE**

**Motion to cancel the November 11, 2020 meeting date due to it being Veterans Day and rescheduling it for November 4, 2020**

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Johnson

**DISCUSSION:**

**APPROVED:** Unanimous

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioner Longley stated that the Sno-Isle Commissioners meeting was a great meeting with speakers including Jason Biermann, Bob Eastman, and others. The next meeting will be October 1, 2020.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

N/A

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Reminder from Commissioner Johnson to not use "Reply All" to emails sent to Commissioners.

Chief Cermak noted that we have not deployed any firefighters to the wildland fires. We currently do not have a process set up. We used to partner with Everett Fire however we no longer have that partnership so another process needs to be created. At this point we feel it is important to protect the West side so having all available staff here is integral. An agreement with Local 4033 will also need to be discussed when something is put into place.

We currently use Facebook to get fire safety/wildland messages out to those who live in rural/dangerous areas. A program called FireWise is available however, the at risk community must want it in order for it to be beneficial.

The current status of the brush truck is that it is "in build" phase. The process has been slowed down due to an injury by Steve Towers. Chief Cermak believes it will be ready at the end of October.


**ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn at 4:36pm**

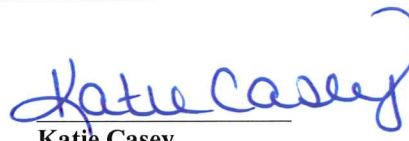
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**Discussion:**

**APPROVED:** Unanimous

  
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Vice-Chair

  
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