



East County Fire and Rescue

600 NE 267th Avenue Camas, WA 98607

(360) 834-4908 (phone)

(360) 835-8920 (fax)

www.ecfr.us



Regular Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting

May 07, 2024

Station 91

6:30 PM

Approved Minutes

Attendance

Martha Martin

Mike Taggart

Joshua Seeds

Steve Hofmaster

Brendan Addis

Chief Ed Hartin

Assistant Chief Jacobs

Debbie Macias

Station 91 Duty Crew

Call to Order

Chairperson Joshua Seeds called the meeting to order at 18:34. This meeting was conducted in hybrid in-person/video conference format.

Flag Salute

Commissioner Taggart led the flag salute.

Swearing In

State Auditor Greg Kimsey swore in new Fire Commissioner Brendan Addis.

Agenda Adjustments

Vice Chair Commissioner Taggart asked Chair Commissioner Seeds if he wanted to read the memo from Chief Hartin about the amendment correction to the executive session on April 30, 2024. In summary it was as follows:

Amending the RCW to the Executive Session that was held on April 30, 2024. The agenda noted RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g): To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee, when it should have been RCW 42.30.110 (1)(h): To evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office. However, any interview of such candidate and final action appointing a candidate to elective office shall be in a meeting open to the public. The correct RCW is noted in the minutes.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of April 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.
- Approval of April 16, 2024 Local BVFF&RO Meeting Minutes.
- Approval of April 17, 2024 Strategic Planning Meeting Minutes.
- Approval of April 30, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes.
- Approval of Financial Transactions.
- Excuse absent Commissioner(s).

Motion by Commissioner Taggart to approve the consent agenda with the amendment, **seconded by Commissioner Hofmaster. Motion passed unanimously.**

Public Input

No comments.

Correspondence

None.

Staff Reports

1. Chief Hartin's report is in the meeting packet.
2. Assistant Chief Jacobs gave his report; a copy is in the meeting packet.
3. Assistant Chief Jacobs reported that per the safety committee there were no accidents/incidents since the last board meeting.

Fire District Business

1. Purchase request to approve the estimate to purchase (8) Bendix King BKR5000; DNR sourced wildland radios with AA battery packs. Previous generations are becoming obsolete and do not interface with current generation used by DNR (budgeted item) for \$12,587.20. **Motion by Commissioner Martin to approve** estimate to purchase (8) Bendix King BKR5000; DNR sourced wildland radios with AA battery packs. Previous generations are becoming obsolete and do not interface with current generation used by DNR (budgeted item), for \$12,587.20. **Seconded by Commissioner Addis. Motion passed unanimously.**

Committee Meetings

1. Communication with neighboring elected officials.
 - City of Camas, July 23, 2024 at 3:00 PM at City Hall. – Take away from the April 23, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Seeds – It was with Doug Quinn the City Manager. On that day their EMS levy was being voted on. Talked about their bond that will be on the ballot. Discussion ensued.
 - City of Washougal TBA.

2. Risk Group held on April 24, 2024. Asked last time if we wanted to increase our coverage. We were the only ones that brought it back to the board. The premium needed to be paid. Therefore, it was paid and they will table the increase of coverage until next year.
3. East County Ambulance Advisory Board (ECAAB) held on April 24, 2024. The discussion of the old age question who pays more or not enough. The conversation went back and forth until a somewhat agreement was made. Our agreement with them ends at the end of the year. Some decisions will need to be made. Discussion ensued.
4. Safety Meeting, May 23, 2024 Station 91 at 7:30 PM.

Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Martin mentioned changing the strategic planning meeting to accommodate Commissioner Addis. Commissioner Seeds said we will talk about it at the Strategic Planning Meeting.

Commissioner Taggart will be traveling in June, will be calling in on the next meetings in June.

Commissioner Addis said he is soaking it all in, writing things down.

Commissioner Seeds said the Columbian editorial board had an article about the 1% limitation and that they want to change it to 3% limitation due to inflation but it will be challenging. Discussion ensued.

Public Input

None

Local Board for Volunteer Firefighters and Reserve Officers

No new business.

Upcoming Meetings

- Review of the district's monthly event calendar.
- Regular Board meeting will be May 21, 2024 Station 91 at 6:30 pm. – Hybrid format.
- Strategic planning workshop May 08, 2024 Station 91 at 3:00 pm. – Hybrid format.

Commissioner Addis let the Board know that he will not be at the Strategic Planning meeting.

Commissioner Seeds led the discussion about changing the Strategic Planning Meeting to Thursdays instead of waiting until the next Strategic Planning Meeting after all and after discussion, the decision was made that, starting in June the Strategic Planning Meeting will be the 1st Thursday after the 1st Board Meeting of the month at 3:00 PM.

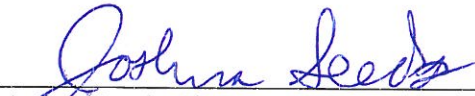
Debbie Macias asked the Board who would be attending the conference in October; she needs to know so that rooms can be cancelled in time. If Commissioner Addis wants to go, she can switch names with him and Commissioner Martin for rooms.

Both the strategic planning workshop and regular board meeting will be in hybrid format permitting in-person or video conference participation. The link for video conference participation is provided on the district's website (www.ecfr.us).

Executive Session

Adjournment

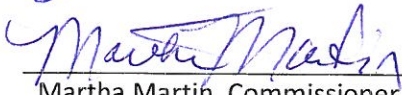
Motion by Commissioner Taggart to adjourn at 19:52, seconded by Commissioner Hofmaster. Motion passed unanimously.



Joshua Seeds, Chairperson



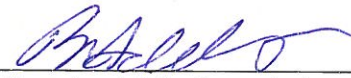
Michael Taggart, Vice Chair



Martha Martin, Commissioner



Steve Hofmaster, Commissioner



Brendan Addis, Commissioner

Attest



Debbie Macias, District Secretary
Ed Hartin, Chief (Alternate)

