



THURSTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS 1 & 11
**WEST THURSTON REGIONAL FIRE
AUTHORITY**



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May 13, 2024 – Governing Board Business Meeting at 18720 Sargent Rd SW, Rochester St. 1-1

Call to Order/Attendance: Commissioner Culleton called the meeting to order at 17:30 hours.

Commissioners: Scott, Ricks, Culleton, Reed, Merryman, Dahl-Excused

Chief: R. Smith,

Asst. Chief: N. Drake

Battalion Chief: R. Stone

Captains: E. Smith, B. Christenson (Zoom)

Lieutenants: E. Palmerson, J. Swecker,

Firefighters: R. Santee, H. Cooke, D. Miller, M. Bennett (Zoom), A. Kondrack (Zoom)

Volunteer:

Admin: Admin Svcs Director/Secretary S. Hemminger, Recruit and Retention Coordinator A. Reynoldson

Union Representative: A. Trautman

Guests: Kevin O’Sullivan, Diana Balsam, Pam Pannkuk

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

Public Comments/Presentations: None

Labor Management: A. Trautman – Three FF/EMT’s out on medical. Fire responses are increasing with the nicer weather and aid calls to Capital Forest are increasing as well. Another Blood Drive is scheduled for July 1st at the Grand Mound Station 12pm – 8pm.

New Business:

1. Eric Cunningham with WSRB spoke to the projected increase in residential insurance as a result of the new WSRB rating data.
2. Winslow Cervantes with WHA Insurance gave an overview of coverage and premiums.
3. Steve Smythe proposed renting an outside area, at the old Grand Mound Fire Department located on Old Hwy 99, to sell gourmet popcorn. Commissioner Scott moved to approve the business proposal. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0
4. Expenditure Approval. Commissioner Scott moved to approve the total expenditure amount of \$535,132.20. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
5. Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Ricks moved to approve the April 8, 2024, meeting minutes. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion, Commissioner Merryman abstained. Motion carried 4-1.
6. Resolution 2024-002 Surplus Riding Lawn Mower. Commissioner Ricks approved the sale of the riding lawn mower. Commissioner Merryman seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Unfinished Business (action items): Policy 2018 – Staffing Priority – Call Out. Final review of policy revisions. Commissioner Scott moved to approve the policy revisions. Commissioner Ricks seconded the motion, Commissioner Merryman abstained. Motion carried 4-1. _____

Unfinished Business (non-action items): FIRE Program – Chief Smith discussed the intention of the FIRE Program and resources needed.

Communications:

1. April 2024 Thurston County Treasurers report presented.
2. St. 1-6 Exhaust Fans – Upon further inspection it was determined there are exhaust fans in the restroom and laundry area and the motors were not working. Parts were ordered and installed; the fans are now working.
3. Volunteer Wildland Fire Fighting Program – Asst. Chief Drake spoke to the reason the RFA doesn't have a specific Wildland Fire Fighting program.

Chief/Training/EMS Reports: Refer to printed reports.

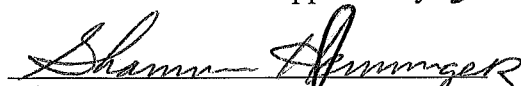
Recruit & Retention Coordinator Update: A. Reynoldson reported that 12 new volunteers have been onboarded and paired up with mentors. Training is being provided on Tuesday evenings to prepare them for the academy. The Swede Day parade and event is on June 15th and there will be activities at Station 1-3 throughout the day.

Commissioner Reports: Commissioner Ricks reported on the EMS Counsel. Commissioner Merryman reported on the Volunteer interviews. Commissioner Culleton reported on the Scott Lake Community meeting and their interest in when St. 1-4 will be staffed.

Good of the Order: Commissioner Merryman thanked FF/EMT C. White and N. Hull for their solid decision making during the Volunteer interviews and their overall ideation on the future direction of the RFA. Capt. N. Drake was pinned as the new Acting Asst. Chief. Frank Hamilton's Celebration of Life is at St. 1-2 on May 18th starting at 11 am.

Adjournment: The board adjourned the meeting at 1856 hours.

Submitted for Board approval by: -


Shannon Hemminger, Secretary


Calvin Dahl, Board Member


Robert Scott, Board Member


Jeff Merryman, Board Member


John Ricks, Board Member


Tom Culleton, Board Member


Mike Reed, Board Member