

EAST COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE
REGULAR BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

February 1, 2022

Station 91

6:30 PM

Approved Minutes

ATTENDANCE:

Martha Martin
Sherry Petty
Debbie Macias
Station 94 Duty Crew

Mike Taggart
Chief Carnes
Steve Hofmaster

Joshua Seeds
Robert Jacobs
Station 91 Duty Crew

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Martha Martin called the meeting to order at 18:31 via Zoom Meeting.
Chairperson Martha Martin led the Flag salute.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of January 18, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.
Approval of January 18, 2022 Local BVFF&RO Meeting Minutes.
Approval of Financial Transactions.
Excuse Absent Commissioner(s):

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

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

No Comments

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

STAFF REPORT:

Chief Carnes read his report; a copy is in the packet.

Assistant Chief Jacobs gave his report as follows:

DOC training postponed until allowed by state mandate guidelines.

The new squad assembly progressing nicely; completion is delayed because we are waiting on delivery of electrical parts and GPS antenna for MDC.

January EST/Tender training was held on January 27, 2022 at Station 93 at 7 PM.

February EST/Tender training will be on February 21, 2022 at Station 93 at 7 PM.

VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION:

Nothing new to report.

SAFETY REPORT:

- Last Safety Committee meeting held on December 8, 2021.
- Next Safety Committee meeting will be on February 24, 2022 at Station 91 at 7:30 PM.
- No reported accidents/incidents since the last board meeting.

FIRE DISTRICT BUSINESS:

Purchase Request Approval – Seek Firepro X TIC

Chief Carnes asked for the Board's approval to purchase (12) Seek Firepro X TIC.

Motion by Commissioner Taggart to approve the purchase of (12) Seek Firepro X TIC seconded by Commissioner Seeds. Motion passed unanimously.

Purchase Request Approval – Replace (2) outdated AED's

Chief Carnes asked for the Board's approval to purchase (2) outdated AED's – to be purchased once the grant funds from Firehouse Subs is received.

Motion by Commissioner Seeds to approve the purchase of (2) outdated AED's seconded by Commissioner Hofmaster. Motion passed unanimously.

Finalize Job Announcement for Chief Position

Chief Carnes discussed the finalization of the job announcement for the Chief Position; the last thing to put on the announcement is the salary range. He shared a spreadsheet with salary ranges for 2020 throughout the State of Washington. Commissioner Martin asked if the Chief had information on what the salary range is for a Chief with a similar size district and budget. Chief said he had not looked at it from that point of view, he said he can get that information together and bring the information to the Strategic Planning Meeting on February 2, 2022. Discussion ensued.

RDPO Regional Fire Risk Assessment

Chief Carnes discussed the RDPO Regional Fire Risk Assessment, which stems from the several fires that happened last year. Several counties got together to discuss prevention. Clark County was included to be a part of the group. Four or five counties got together and were able to get a grant, so they hired a company to put together a risk assessment. We will need to do some research for them regarding our area. The period is short so Chief said that he would need to get working on it right away. Commissioner Martin asked if there was someone to help, Chief said that he is not sure how someone could help yet but as he dives into it, he may need someone. Commissioner Taggart said that he has done some similar things like this in the past and could help the Chief. Discussion ensued.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Communication with Neighboring Elected Officials

City of Camas – TBA

City of Washougal –TBA

Risk Group

TBA

Safety Committee Representative

February 24, 2022 at Station 91 at 7:30 PM.

Revenue Exploratory Committee

TBA

ECAAB

TBA

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Seeds commented on toxic chemicals, potential exposure to our firefighters, PFAS is in the firefighting foam, and it is in the lining of the turnouts, he will find the most recent news articles on this to share with us at the Strategic Planning Meeting on 02/02/2022. Alternative turnouts are on the way nationwide. State legislatures are starting to act. Some of the National Fire Fighter Associations are paying attention to this; they want to get this toxic chemical off the skins of firefighters. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Martin commented on the Agenda for the Strategic Planning Workshop regarding the State of the District Column, she would like some ideas brought to the meeting on 02/02/2022 for this column.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Firefighter Harrington did mention that he is in charge of the turnout replacement and that he has done some research on alternative turnouts and he would send that information to Commissioner Seeds.

AC Jacobs commented that he will be absent from the next board meeting.

Chief Carnes commented that the labor negotiations are completed as far as getting everything in writing, as to what was agreed upon it will be sent to the group for ratification then sent back after seven days for voting.

LOCAL BOARD FOR VOLUNTEER F/F & RESERVE OFFICERS:

No New Business.

ROUND TABLE:

Monthly Event Calendar.

Strategic Planning Workshop Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Regular Board Meeting: February 15, 2022 Station 91, 6:30 PM via Zoom.

**Motion by Commissioner Petty to adjourn at 19:32 hours, seconded by Commissioner Taggart.
Motion passed unanimously.**

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