# **EAST COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE**

## REGULAR BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

November 01, 2022 Station 91 6:30 PM

# **Approved Minutes**

ATTENDANCE:

Martha Martin

Sherry Petty

Robert Jacobs

Station 94 Duty Crew

Mike Taggart

Steve Hofmaster

Debbie Macias

Joshua Seeds

Mike Carnes

Station 91 Duty Crew

#### CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Martha Martin called the meeting to order at 18:38 via Zoom Meeting. Commissioner Martin led the Flag salute.

#### **AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:**

None

## CONSENT AGENDA:

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

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

## **OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

None

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

ODF Incident Management Team – Chief Carnes shared the appreciation flyer from the ODF. OPEIU 11 Letter – Chief Carnes shared the letter that he received regarding setting up a time to meet with OPEIU 11 to start negotiations for the office staff. He asked if one of the Board members would like to join in. Commissioner Seeds said he would like to join in on the negotiations.

#### STAFF REPORT:

Chief Carnes report; a copy is in the packet.

Assistant Chief Jacobs gave his report as follows:

DOC training will be on November 15, 2022.

October EST/Tender training was on October 25, 2022.

November EST/Tender training will be November 22, 2022 at Station 93 at 7:00 PM.

## **VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION:**

Nothing new to report.

## **SAFETY REPORT:**

- Last Safety Committee meeting held on September 22, 2022.
- Next Safety Committee meeting November 30, 2022 at Station 91 at 7:30 PM.
- There no reported incidents/accidents since the last Board meeting.

#### FIRE DISTRICT BUSINESS:

FY2023 Operating Budget Adjustment – Chief Carnes shared that since the last review of the budget there was an adjustment made to the payroll budget for firefighters due to the minimum wage increase that starts 2023. He wanted to share the adjustment with the Board and see if anyone had any questions. Commissioner Taggart asked what the total amount of the change was. Debbie Macias gave him the answer.

FY2023 Debt Service Budget – Chief Carnes shared the budget with the Board and asked if anyone had any questions regarding this budget. There were no questions.

FY2023 EMS Budget - Chief Carnes shared the budget with the Board and asked if anyone had any questions regarding this budget. There were no questions.

WFCA 2022 Conference Discussion - Discussion ensued.

## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Communication with Neighboring Elected Officials

City of Camas - Held on October 25, 2022

Commissioner Taggart commented that there was a lot of discussion regarding the Nakia Fire. He also stated that one thing that stuck out was that they are having some issues hiring the right people for positions.

Chief Carnes said one thing that stuck out for him is that it seems like the City of Camas is leaning more towards and RFA. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Martin said that there are some things to work on before they went to RFA such as apparatus items and hiring. Discussion ensued.

City of Washougal -

November 29, 2022 at 12:00 PM at City Hall

Risk Group

November 02, 2022 @ 8:00 AM.

Safety Committee Representative

November 30, 2022

Revenue Exploratory Committee

TBA

**ECAAB** 

TBA

## **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Taggart commented that in light of the Nakia Fire and the heightened awareness of the community we should consider a levy lid lift next year. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Seeds agreed with Commissioner Taggart. He also mentioned we should look for abatement grants. He said he works with many people with ODF and he wanted to share that they were very complimentary of Chief Carnes and the staff during the Nakia Fire.

Commissioner Hofmaster also agreed with Commissioner Taggart regarding the levy lid lift.

Commissioner Martin thanked Commissioner Taggart for bringing up the levy lid lift. She also commented on the messaging going out to the public that we need to work closely with our neighbors in providing the community with good clear information and that all agencies are on same page. Discussion ensued.

## **OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

## LOCAL BOARD FOR VOLUNTEER F/F & RESERVE OFFICERS:

No new business.

## ROUND TABLE:

Monthly Event Calendar

Strategic Planning Workshop Meeting November 2, 2022 at Station 91 at 3:00 PM and via Zoom-Hybrid version

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

## ADJOURNMENT:

Next Regular Board Meeting: November 15, at Station 91, 6:30 PM via Zoom - Hybrid version.

Motion by Commissioner Seeds to adjourn at 19:40 hours, seconded by Commissioner Petty. Motion passed unanimously.

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Martha Martin, Chairperson

Sherry Petty, Commissioner

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Debbie Macias, District Secretary

DISTRICT SEAL

Joshua Seeds, Commissioner

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