

# East County Fire and Rescue

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# Regular Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting September 19, 2023

Station 91 6:30 PM Approved Minutes

#### **Attendance**

Martha Martin Joshua Seeds Assist. Chief Jacobs

Cody Parry
Drue MacNeil
Kevin Bergstrom
Stephen Vera

Mike Taggart

Steve Hofmaster Pam Jensen

Kelli Parry Lindsay Parry John Prasch **Sherry Petty** 

Chief Ed Hartin

Bill Dunlap Clark Co. FD 6

Kristal MacNeil Jacob Dobbins Zach Allen

#### Call to Order

This meeting was conducted in hybrid in-person/video conference format.

Chairperson Martha Martin called the meeting to order at 18:30 via Hybrid Meeting. Commissioner Martin led the flag salute.

#### Agenda Adjustments

#### **Consent Agenda**

- Approval of September 05, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.
- Approval of September 05, 2023 Local BVFF Meeting Minutes.
- Approval of September 06, 2023 Strategic Planning Meeting Minutes.
- Approval of Financial Transactions.
- Excuse absent Commissioner(s).

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

#### **Public Input**

Kevin Bergstrom commented that the Zoom link was not working.

# Swearing In and Member Recognition

Chief Hartin called up Firefighter Parry and proceeded to swear him in.

#### 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 the Volunteer Firefighter's Association had nothing new to report.
- 4. Assistant Chief Jacobs reported that per the safety committee there were no accidents/incidents since the last board meeting.

#### **Fire District Business**

- Resolution #327-09192023 Adoption of the Long Term Financial Plan. Motion by Commissioner Seeds to approve Resolution #327-09192023 adoption of the Long Term Financial Plan. Seconded by Commissioner Hofmaster. Motion passed unanimously.
- Resolution #328-09192023 Interfund Transfer from the Equipment Fund for \$50,000.00 to General Fund. Motion by Commissioner Taggart to approve Resolution #328-09192023 approve interfund transfer from the equipment fund for \$50,000.00 to the general fund. Seconded by Commissioner Seeds. Motion passed unanimously.
- Resolution #329-09192023 Adopt FY2023 Budget Amendment. Motion by Commissioner Seeds to approve Resolution #329-09192023 Adopt FY2023 Budget Amendment. Seconded by Commissioner Taggart. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Purchase request to purchase required PPE. Full PPE ensembles for volunteers and paid firefighters. Chief Hartin asked the board to approve the quote provided by vendor for \$50,837.33. . Motion by Commissioner Taggart to approve the purchase of required PPE. Seconded by Commissioner Hofmaster. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Committee Meetings**

- 1. Communication with neighboring elected officials.
  - City of Camas, October 25, 2023 at 2:00 PM at City Hall.
  - City of Washougal, TBA.
- 2. Risk G. oup, October 11, 2023 at 8:00 AM via Zoom.
- 3. Safety Meeting, September 25, 2023 at 7:30 PM at Station 91.
- 4. Revenue Exploratory Committee, TBA.

5. East County Ambulance Advisory Board (ECAAB), TBA.

## **Commissioners Comments**

No Comments

#### **Public Input**

No Comments

# 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 October 03, 2023 Station 91 at 6:30 pm. Hybrid format.
- Strategic planning workshop October 04, 2023 Station 91 at 3:00 pm. Hybrid format.

Both the strategic planning workshop and regular board meeting will be in hybrid format permitting inperson or video conference participation. The link for video conference participation is provided on the district's website (<a href="www.ecfr.us">www.ecfr.us</a>).

## **Executive Session**

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.

The Board went into executive session at 19:35 for 15 minutes to return at 19:50.

The session was extended for 10 minutes until 20:00.

The session was extended for another 10 minutes until 20:10.

The session was extended for another 10 minutes until 20:20

The Board reconvened at 20:21.

Commissioner Seeds – Chief has done a good job and discussed comparable, compensation. Saved district money by doing in house financial plan. It would be fair to increase the chief's compensation for the coming year.

Commissioner Taggart - Agree with Commissioner Seeds.

Commissioner Hofmaster- Agree that Chief's salary should increase.

Commissioner Petty – Absolutely agrees Chief earned a raise.

Commissioner Martin Agrees and has inspired our team, grateful for taking us on.

Total compensation of \$172,000. Now is \$144,799.00, Effective January 1, 2024. Approximate raise of \$27,000.00 total compensation.

 $\label{lem:motion_state} \textbf{Motion by Commissioner Taggart to approve Chief's total compensation at $172,000.00 \text{, seconded by Commissioner Hofmaster Motion passed unanimously.}$ 

## Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Taggart to adjourn at 20:28, seconded by Commissioner Seeds. Motion passed unanimously

Martha Martin, Chairperson

Sherry Petty, Commissioner

Joshua Seeds, Commissioner

Michael Taggart, Vice Chair

Steve Hofmaster, Commissioner

Attest

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