

East County Fire and Rescue

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Regular Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting August 15, 2023

Station 91 6:30 PM Approved Minutes

Attendance

Martha Martin

Joshua Seeds

Sherry Petty

Steve Hofmaster

Chief Ed Hartin

Chief Robert Jacobs

Pam Jensen

Kevin Hawkey

Liz Loomis

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 Hofmaster led the flag salute.

Agenda Adjustments

Adjust consent agenda – Stipends for Commissioner Seeds from 4 to 3.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of August 1, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.
- Approval of August 1, 2023 Local BVFF&RO Meeting Minutes.
- Approval of Financial Transactions.
- Excuse absent Commissioner(s). Commissioner Taggart

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

Public Input

Chief Hartin introduced new hire Firefighter Kevin Hawkey.

Correspondence

Staff Reports

1. Chief Hartin's report is in the meeting packet.

Commissioner Seeds asked about how many firefighters we send out for MOBE per contract. The contract states that we can send one for not more than 14 days, if more than one wants to go they would take turns. Commissioner Seeds also commented that the Chief's active approach to the volunteer firefighters has already paid off with part time firefighters for not only us but also other departments.

Commissioner Seeds also likes the approach on how the team is sorting out the turn out situation. Discussion ensued.

- 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

- Chief Hartin asked the Board to accept the assistance to firefighters grant. Motion by Commissioner Seeds to approve the assistance to firefighters grant Seconded by Commissioner Hofmaster. Motion passed unanimously.
- Chief Hartin asked the Board to accept the creation of the grants management fund. Motion by Commissioner Seeds to approve the creation of the grants management fund. Seconded by Commissioner Petty. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Approve proposal for public communications service... Re: Liz Loomis. Board will discuss further @ next Strategic Planning. Discussion ensued.
- Adoption of budget calendar. Amended to add October 24th @ 6pm for Budget workshop.
 Motion by Commissioner Hofmaster to adopt the amended budget calendar. Seconded by
 Commissioner Petty. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Meetings

- 1. Communication with neighboring elected officials.
 - City of Camas, TBA.
 - City of Washougal, TBA.
- 2. Risk Group, 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. Captain Prasch has sent letter of interest for rescue equipment grant.
- 5. East County Ambulance Advisory Board (ECAAB), TBA.

Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Hofmaster is pleased with the grant and thank you to all who worked on it.

Commissioner Martin agreed with Commissioner Hofmaster. Commissioner Martin also had a question about some calls. 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 held September 5, 20/3 Station 91 at 6:30 pm. Hybrid format.
- Strategic planning workshop September 6, 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 (www.ecfr.us).

Executive Session

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Seeds to adjourn at 19:52, seconded by Commissioner Hofmaster. 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)

