# EAST COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE

## REGULAR BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

April 03, 2018 Station 91 6:30 PM

## **Approved Minutes**

ATTENDANCE:

Martha Martin Mike Taggart Sherry Petty Mike Carnes Robert Jacobs Tad Crum Mike Berg Tom Gianatasio Nick Swinhart Adam Brice Matt Hazelett Iliana Ortega

CALL TO ORDER: 18:30

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#### **AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:**

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1. Approval of March 20, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- 2. Approval of March 20, 2018 Local BVFF&RO Meeting Minutes
- 3. Approval of March 22, 2018 JPAC/Fire Merger Exploratory Committee Meeting
- 4. Approval of Financial Transactions
- 5. Excuse Absent Commissioner(s): None

Motion by Commissioner Martin to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Petty. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

Adam Brice, President of IAFF Local #2444 appeared before the Board to represent the Union side and to answer any questions regarding their current position. The Commissioners and Adam discussed current topics that have recently been brought forward, such as the Firefighter ratio per engine and the Merger between Camas/Washougal and ECFR. An invitation to attend the next JPAC meeting was offered to Adam by the Commissioners, he plans on attending.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

## **STAFF REPORT:**

Chief Swinhart gave his report.

- The next JPAC meeting will be on April 19, 2018.

Deputy Chief Carnes read his report; a copy is in the packet.						
•	<ul> <li>No Brown outs since the last meeting.</li> </ul>					
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- Washougal High School is delaying the usage of Station 95 due to changes in Administrative staff that is taking place at the end of the school year.
- Chief Carnes attended an Operations Chief Meeting on 3/27/2018, the group is discussing possible changes to Structure Fire Response Plans.
- Chief Carnes reported that ECFR Firefighters attended several training events with Camas/Washougal Firefighters that include natural gas training with NWNG.
- It was announced that three of our members attended the EMS OTEP evaluator re-fresher, this will allow us to complete in-house EMS OTEP training for paid staff.
- ECFR crews responded to a working garage fire with CWFD on 3/27/2018.
- Congratulations to Volunteer Firefighter/EMT Zach Hougan, he has been given a conditional offer for a part time firefighter position. The position was previously vacated by Eddie Richardson who accepted a full time position with Spokane Fire District #9.

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

- Chief Jacobs reported that the March DOC/ACC training was on 3/13/2018 it was a joint drill with ARES/RACES group, they are scheduled to train again in September.
- EST training was last held on March 26, 2018, at 7:00 PM at Station 91. This is changing to an every other month schedule moving forward.
- The next DOC training is scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup> at Station 91 at 7:00 pm. This will also be changing to an every other month schedule moving forward.

#### **VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCATION:**

None

#### **SAFETY REPORT:**

- Chief Jacobs reported that no accidents or injuries have taken place since the last committee meeting.
- The next Safety Committee meeting will be May 22, 2018, 7:30PM at Station 91.

#### FIRE DISTRICT BUSINESS:

## Invoice for Response to "No District Area":

Follow up on discussion of an unpaid invoice that had been sent out numerous occasions to a home owner in a No Response area in the amount of \$4873. Legal advice was given by Brian Snure on the situation, he suggested the following two options. Send a letter on our behalf by him, and if that does not get the payment processed then we can pursue the case in small claims court. The Commissioners are all in agreement to move forward with having Brian Snure draft and send a letter on our behalf.

## Land Donation/Station 92 - Eric Gazow

Eric Gazow, Autumn Nigro and Connie Eardt all appeared before the Board of Commissioners to follow up on if they had come to an agreement on the donation of land left in Mr. Hendricks estate. The Board of Commissioners all offered their gratitude for the generous offer, and accepted the donation. Autumn Nigro is the acting Attorney for Mr. Hendricks estate as well as his niece, she will be working directly with Brian Snure on the processing of all legal matters regarding this donation.

Motion by Commissioner Martin to approve the Donation of Land by Station 92, seconded by Commissioner Petty. Motion passed unanimously.

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#### Approval of Liz Loomis Contract:

Commissioner Taggart has been working closely with Brian Snure and Liz Loomis to ensure that the Contract is accurate and meets the necessary requirements. Commissioner Taggart and all parties involved have settled on the latest contract that is included in the packet.

Motion by Commissioner Martin to approve Contract with Liz Loomis Public Affairs seconded by Commissioner Berg. Motion passed, with 3 Yay, 1 Nay, and 1 Abstain.

Approval to hire Brian Snure to present on Fire Consolidation with JPAC at April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Fire Merger Exploratory Committee Meeting:

Motion by Commissioner Petty to approve and hire Brian Snure to present with JPAC on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018, seconded by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

- Commissioner Taggart announced that the next JPAC is set forth on Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- Commissioner Gianatasio requested budgeting information from ECFR staff regarding costs of Liz Loomis Public Affairs. Chief Carnes addressed that the budget will be amended and then presented to the board in the near future.
- Commissioner Martin reported that she attended the Mayor meeting and it had gone well.
   There was good conversation in regards to moving forward with the Functional Consolidated.

#### **OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

Nothing

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

Nothing

#### **ROUND TABLE:**

The Board reviewed the April 2018 events calendar. The next policy workshop is scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:00PM.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

RCW 42.30.140 (4)(a) relating to collective bargaining issues and negotiations.

The board went into executive session at 19:24 for 10 minutes. The board reconvened at 19:35 No Action was taken.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Next Regular Board Meeting: April 17, 2018, Station 91, 6:30PM

Motion by Commissioner Martin to adjourn at 19:36 hours, seconded by Commissioner Gianatasio. Motion passed unanimously.

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Mike Taggart, Chairperson

Tom Gianatasio, Commissioner

Martha Martin, Vice Chair

Mike Berg, Commissioner

Sherry Petty, Commissioner

DISTRICT SEAL:

ATTEST:

Iliana Ortega, District Secretary