# EAST COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE

## SPECIAL BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING June 3, 2020

Station 91

## **Approved Minutes**

#### ATTENDANCE:

Martha Martin Joshua Seeds Linda Durrett Mike Taggart Mike Berg Pam Jensen

Sherry Petty Mike Carnes

# \*Held virtually due to COVID-19. The meeting will cover essential items only.\*

### CALL TO ORDER: 14:02

Chairperson Martha Martin called the meeting to order for the Strategic Planning/Shared Services Committee.

Chief Carnes began the meeting by asking Linda Durrett to discuss the laptop computer quotes. The two new quotes were reviewed and discussed. One of the quotes was for a refurbished laptop computer. The Board is in agreement to purchase a refurbished laptop computer. The refurbished laptop computer is a substantial savings to the District vs. purchasing a brand new laptop computer. A purchase request will be submitted for approval at the next Board meeting.

Chief Carnes asked the Board if they would form a committee to review the current EMS Agreement (ILA) with Camas-Washougal. A new ILA will be needed should the EMS Levy pass this August. Commissioner Seeds, Commissioner Berg, Chief Carnes and Linda Durrett will be on the committee to review the EMS Agreement-ILA. The committee will bring forward recommendations based on the CRESA call data and costs data from Camas to the Board for consideration.

Chief Carnes discussed moving the exercise equipment out of the truck bay. The firefighter's had previously proposed using the Training/Meeting Room for the exercise equipment. Chief Carnes expressed this is not in the best interest of the District as the Training/Meeting Room is needed for board meetings, public use and training. Chief Carnes suggested to move the exercise equipment to the computer area and repurpose the spare bedroom to the office/computer area at Station 91. The exercise equipment at Station 94 will be moved out of the truck bay area and into the day use area and spare bedroom. This is a temporary solution to move the exercise equipment out of the bays for the health and safety of the firefighters. The Board is in agreement with the proposed recommendation.

Chief Carnes discussed the possibility of scheduling an open house for later in the year. Chairperson Martin expressed the potential of the open house needing to be cancelled after all the work of preparing for the open house. Chairperson Martin asked about virtual activities. Chief Carnes asked Pam Jensen to share her ideas for virtual activities in lieu of an onsite open house due to COVID 19. Discussion was held in regards to all the community events that have been cancelled due to COVID 19.

Commissioner Seeds commented he liked the ideas presented and if we tentatively plan the open house he and Chief Carnes should stay in touch with the Clark Conservation District forester. The open house would be a good opportunity to start connecting the two districts together to benefit the District residents to reduce wildfire danger in the District.

Commissioner Petty thanked the Board and staff for being wonderful people to work with and with the meetings we have, we accomplish great things and we work wonderfully together.

Commissioner Seeds thanked Commissioner Petty for her comment and commended Chief Carnes and the firefighters for using caution, good sense, and staying safe during the COVID 19 pandemic.

Commissioner Berg thanked Linda Durrett and Pam Jensen for all they do and the group as a whole functions very well and he is proud to be a part of the organization. Commissioner Berg let those in attendance know The Risk Committee would like to have a virtual meeting to elect officers for next year. Commissioner Berg asked Chief Carnes if DNR would have a poster to post in his neighborhood to see if the homeowners would be interested in meeting with DNR in regards to the Firewise program. Chief Carnes said he would look into the availability of a poster from DNR. Commissioner Berg thanked everyone for all they do and the Commissioners for all the time they put in.

Chairperson Martin expressed her appreciation for the good, respectful working relationship we have together. Chairperson Martin liked the ideas discussed for a virtual open house. Chairperson Martin thanked Linda Durrett for all her hard work in applying for grants and complimented her efforts as ECFR has been awarded a grant from Walmart.

**Public Comment:** 

None

Meeting adjourned: 14:59

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha Martin, Chairperson

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Michael Taggart, Commission

Joshua Seeds, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Pam Jensen, District Secretary

Mike Berg, Commissioner

Sherry Petty, Commissioner

**DISTRICT SEAL:** 

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