



Whatcom County Fire District 4

Meeting Minutes of the joint Board of Commissioners for Whatcom County Fire District # 4 and North Whatcom Fire and Rescue

April 21, 2016

A combined meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on the above date at Station 61, 9408 Odell Rd. in Blaine. Those who attended were Commissioners Harry Andrews, Mary Beth Neal, Rich Bosman, Dean Berkeley, John Crawford, Bruce Ansell and Larry McPhail.

Fire Chief William Pernet, Division Chief Henry Hollander, Business Manager Benita Williams, District # 4 Board Secretary Kris Parks and District # 21 Recording Secretary Jennie Sand. Commissioner Steve Ness was excused.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Boards opened the meeting and North Whatcom Fire and Rescue went thru their agenda which included public comment, board action, monthly reports, finance, unfinished business, policies and procedures.

Public Comment: A resident of NWFR thanked Chief Pernet and Division Chief Hollander for attending the Chamber of Commerce meeting which included the Cascadia Rising event. She stated that the community is getting ready to prepare for Tsunami warnings and the program should be in place by mid-summer 2016. She also stated that she appreciates the department's cooperation and the meetings with other agencies across the border.

District 21 Chairman Rich Bosman recessed the meeting for a five minute break at 8:10 p.m. and called the meeting back into session at 8:17 p.m.

- Fire District 4, Fire District 21 Consolidation

New Business: Chief Pernet presented a power point presentation on the Fire District 21 and Fire District 4 consolidation. He provided information on the goals of the consolidation, an operational consolidation, a full consolidation/merger, the D21/D4 integration, the departments consolidation history, the inter local agreement review, consolidation challenges, current contract payments, the District 4 EMS Levy, steps for a merger, first year funding of merged districts and funding moving forward. He finished the presentation with choices and other possibilities for the departments.

North Whatcom continued with their agenda which included correspondence, public comment,

Public Comment: A resident of NWFR would like to see the District 21 board meeting packet posted to the website or handed out at the meeting so the information is available to the public after the Board approved a consent agenda starting with the May meeting. District 21 chairman Rich Bosman stated that the Board will evaluate the consent agenda following the next meeting.

followed by announcements, agenda items for the next meeting, executive session and signing of documents.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Harry Andrews, Chair

Kris Parks, Board Secretary