

Whatcom County Fire District 4

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners

January 17, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held on the above date at the district office. Those who attended were as follows: Commissioners Harry Andrews, Dave Hanson and Anna Melillo; Board Secretary Kris Parks, Chief Jason Van der Veen and Division Chief Herschel Rostov.

The Chair opened the board meeting at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Meeting Minutes
 - December 18, 2019 Public Hearing/Regular Meeting
2. Staff Reports - Chiefs / Operations / Training / Technical Support
3. Financial Report
4. Vouchers
 - District #4 Commissioners Direct Deposit Payroll \$768.00
 - District #4 Expenditure Voucher: \$536,271.21

The following items were removed from the agenda for clarification:

Commissioner Hanson inquired where the new hires are from and what their level of experience is. Chief Van der Veen provided the information and also explained why the new hires will attend the North Bend Academy.

Commissioner Melillo moved to approve the consent agenda, Commissioner Andrews seconded; motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Petition for Merger

Chief Van der Veen informed that there is no official response from North Whatcom Fire and Rescue regarding the Petition for Merger. He handed out the bio and resume of Karen Reed who is a consultant for mergers. The NWFR Board decided to provide Mrs. Reed with more department information in order to receive an opinion paper from her.

Final 2020 Budget

The Chief will provide Commissioner Melillo with the final 2020 NWFR budget.

Master Plan Presentation

The retreat date was moved to March 27th and the goal for this retreat is to receive information from ESCI on the Master Plan and from Mrs. Reed on the merger.

2020 Board Meeting Calendar

The Board set the meeting dates for 2020.

The meetings are held at 12:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

February 18

March 18

April 15

May 13

June 17

July 15

August 19

September 16

October 20

November 12

December 17 at 9:00 a.m.

Board Action Request – Budget Amendment

Commissioner Melillo moved to approve the board action request, Commissioner Hanson seconded; motion passed.

The Board discussed the use of the training grounds by the Bellingham Fire Department.

The Board approved for Commissioner Melillo to attend the Legislative Committee in Olympia.

Next Board Meeting: February 18th - 12:00 p.m.

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Anna Melillo, Chair

Kris Parks, Board Secretary

Motions and Directives:

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Melillo moved to approve the consent agenda, Commissioner Andrews seconded; motion passed.

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