



THURSTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS 1 & 11
**WEST THURSTON REGIONAL FIRE
AUTHORITY**

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August 9, 2021 – Governing Board Business Meeting at Littlerock Rd station.

Call to Order/Attendance: Commissioner Pethia called the meeting to order at 18:00 hours. Commissioners Culleton, Elkins, Jernigan (*via Zoom, excused 18:30-19:00*), and Ricks, Chiefs Kaleiwahea, Scott, R. Smith and R. Stone, Captains Drake and Dyer, FF Bennett, Legal Counsel Eric Quinn (*via Zoom*), Admin Assistant Linda Patraca and Secretary Linda Shea were present. Commissioner Dahl and the union representative were absent.

Executive/Closed Session: Commissioner Pethia called a fifteen-minute Executive Session at 18:01 to discuss legal strategy with counsel Quinn on the outcome from the tribal mediation (42.30.110(1)(i)). The meeting was extended for ten additional minutes at 18:16. It was announced that the board reconvened back into a general session at 18:26 with no action taken.

Public Comments/Presentations: None.

New Business:

1. Expenditure Approval. Commissioner Elkins moved to approve the expenditures of \$535,740.09. Commissioner Ricks seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
2. Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Ricks moved to approve the minutes of July 12, 2021. Commissioner Culleton seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
3. Resolution #2021-014, Surplus Property. Linda S. presented Resolution #2021-014 to surplus a pager lost on a recent fire incident and an old laptop. Commissioner Ricks moved to approve Resolution #2021-014. Commissioner Elkins seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Unfinished Business (action items):

1. Purchase Request – Sta 1-1 outbuildings heater. Chief Scott reported the department had received one quote on the RFQ for the installation of heaters in the outbuildings at station 1-1 (Grand Mound). The bid received from Capital Heating was \$18,800 plus tax. Commissioner Elkins moved to approve the project. Commissioner Culleton seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
2. Agenda for BOFC Workshop August 25. Linda S. requested input from the board on discussion items for the upcoming workshop on August 25. She noted she would be presenting the draft 2022 budget at that time. The board asked to review the Strategic Plan draft at the workshop (as developed by Chief Smith.)

Unfinished Business (nonaction items):

1. Chehalis Tribe negotiations. Chief Kaleiwahea requested authorization from the board to assemble the Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) to discuss options for next steps with the tribe. It was also suggested that the draft Strategic Plan be presented to the CAC at that time. Discussion was also held on having board members in attendance (at their discretion) to introduce themselves and the issues. Commissioner Ricks moved to approve the meeting with CAC. Commissioner Elkins seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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2. Weyerhaeuser agreement. Chief Kaleiwahea reported that a brief meeting was held with Weyerhaeuser to discuss connections to an existing water system for tender fill purposes. Weyerhaeuser will reach out to the county for lease requirements.
3. Maytown well. Chief Kaleiwahea reported that Insight Geologic has not submitted the final report yet, but the technician did report that although the well is not producing as much water as they hoped, it appears to be better quality water.

Communications:

1. Thurston County Treasurer July 2021 reports were presented as per RCW 52.16.050(4). Linda S. noted the fund balance is almost 30% higher than this time last year. She also noted the amount of bond debt funds left for District #1 are \$400,874.
2. August 2021 budget reports were presented.

Chief/Training/EMS Reports: Refer to printed reports.

1. Chief Kaleiwahea noted that July's incident volume was the highest since January 2012. He also reported he received a call from a resident who requested assistance to install handrails at her home in preparation for her husband's return, which Chris Heilman installed on his own time.
2. Chief Scott reported the tender build should be complete by the end of the year, and that Chris H. has been working to replace all of the failing roof fasteners before the rainy season.
3. Chief Smith reported on the crisis training that was provided at the officer's meeting by Jessica Shook, the recruits for firefighter and EMT academies, and the high number of wildfires that have occurred so-far.
4. Captain Dyer reported on the improvements in turnaround times at the hospital, and the two Firewise assessments that were conducted.

Commissioner Reports:

1. Commissioner Ricks reported that the Medic One levy had passed, and reminded everyone of the upcoming association picnic next Tuesday at Lake Lawrence.
2. Commissioner Pethia reported on a presentation by Steve Wright, WFC Executive Director, at the recent association meeting.

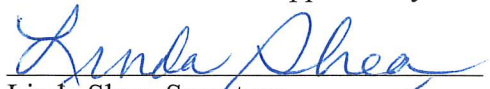
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1. Linda S. presented two citizen thank-you's that had been received.
2. Linda S. distributed the nomination form for the Commissioner's Award of Merit to be given out at the upcoming annual event on August 28.
3. Captain Dyer reported the department will be representing at the Southwest WA Fair on August 17.

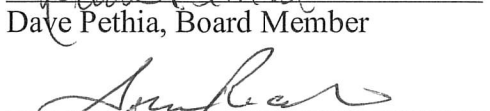

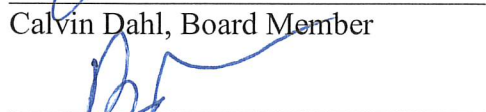
Adjournment: The board adjourned the meeting at 19:24 hours.

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Submitted for Board approval by:



Linda Shea, Secretary


Tom Culleton, Board Member
Dave Pethia, Board Member
John Ricks, Board Member
Calvin Dahl, Board Member
Ben Elkins, Board Member
Jeff Jernigan, Board Member