

THURSTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS 1 & 11

WEST THURSTON REGIONAL FIRE



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June 12, 2023 – Governing Board Business Meeting at 10828 Littlerock Rd SW, Olympia, WA St. 1-2

Call to Order/Attendance: Commissioner Elkins called the meeting to order at 17:00 hours, followed by the

Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners: Elkins, Dahl, Culleton, Ricks, Pethia. Commissioner Jernigan excused.

Chief: R. Smith.

Battalion Chief: R. Stone

Captains: N. Drake (Zoom), E. Smith (Zoom)

Union Representative A. Trautman Lieutenants: M. Morales (Zoom)

Firefighters: M. Bennett

Volunteer:

Admin: Admin Svcs Director/Secretary S. Hemminger, Admin Asst. L. Patraca

Guests: Emily Morales (Zoom), Jeff Merryman

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: 2022 Annual Report – Chief R. Smith

Public Comments/Presentations:

Jeff Merryman – Volunteer reimbursement.

Labor Management: Firefighter/EMT Alex Trautman introduced himself as the new WTRFA Union Representative beginning November 2023.

New Business:

- 1. <u>Expenditure Approval</u>. Commissioner Dahl moved to approve the total expenditure amount of \$453,276.05. Commissioner Ricks seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- 2. Meeting Minutes.
 - A. Commissioner Pethia moved to approve the general board meeting minutes from May 8, 2023. Commissioner Ricks seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- 3. <u>Resolution 2023-007 Warrant Cancelations</u> Shannon presented Resolution 2023-007, for cancellation of outstanding warrants as of the end of state fiscal year 2022. Commissioner Ricks moved to approve Resolution 2023-007. Commissioner Dahl seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Unfinished Business (action items):

1. <u>RFQ Asphalt Repair St 1-1.</u> This item was tabled from previous Board of Commissioners meeting, with a request to have in-house maintenance work on filling the cracks. Commissioner Dahl suggested WTRFA pay for the truck to spread the sealant and utilize maintenance for the labor portion. Commission Dahl requested this item be tabled, and he will obtain more information on cost.

Unfinished Business (non-action items): None

Communications:

- 1. May 2023 Thurston County Treasurers report presented.
- 2. May 2023 Budget Report presented.
- 3. Chief Smith presented the report from PCG Consultants.

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

Chief Smith reported that crews responded to 294 calls in May (average of 9 calls per day) and 32.65% of the time they were managing more than one call at a time. The crews responded to 15 fire calls: 5 building fires, 3 vehicle/heavy equipment fires, and 7 brush fires. Crews also attended 222 EMS calls of which 15 were motor vehicle accidents, and 57 others (details can be found on page six).

Chief Smith shared a thank you letter from the Frasl Family along with Deputy Chief Ken Frasl's Obituary, there is a tentative Celebration of Life scheduled for June 18th.

Wildland Red Flag Conditions expected for July – September, expect a very active fire season this year.

Portable radio upgrades almost complete.

Propane Vendors – Three bids received; cost savings is to stay with current vendor.

Commissioner Reports: Commissioner Ricks reported that Medic One is \$1.6 million short for 2023, however Thurston County might be able to cover that with excess Covid 19 funds.

Commissioner Pethia reported that Department of Natural Resources has upgraded resources for the Thurston County area. Commissioner Pethia reported on the Hazard Mitigation review, and they have the cost analysis to complete.

Good of the Order: Swedes Day Parade – WTRFA will have five rigs along with Sparky and Smokey the Bear.

Adjournment: The board adjourned the meeting at 18:13 hours.

Submitted for Board approval by:

Shannon Hemminger, Secretary

Tom Culleton, Board Member

Dave Pethia, Board Member

John Ricks, Board Member

Calvin Dahl, Board Member

Ben Elkins, Board Member

eff Jernigan, Board Member