



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



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May 8, 2023 – Governing Board Business Meeting at 18720 Sargent Rd SW., Rochester, WA St. 1-1

**Call to Order/Attendance:** Commissioner Elkins called the meeting to order at 17:00 hours, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Commissioners:** Elkins, Culleton, Ricks, Pethia (Zoom). Commissioner Dahl and Jernigan excused.

**Chief:** R. Smith,

**Battalion Chief:** R. Stone

**Captains:**

**Union Representative** Lt. Garza, A. Trautman

**Lieutenants:** E. Palmerson, J. Swecker,

**Firefighters:** S. Dean

**Volunteer:** T. Berryman

**Admin:** Admin Svcs Director/Secretary S. Hemminger,

**Guests:** Mr. & Mrs. Haines, Jeff Merryman, Emily Morales

**Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:** None

**Public Comments/Presentations:**

Mrs. Haines (Scott Lake) expressed her support for the RFA and getting the levy passed.

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Jeff Merryman addressed volunteering.

**Labor Management:** Lt. Garza reported one FF/EMT is off light duty and back to full duty, and staffing is stable. Lt. Garza reported FF/EMT Alexander Trautman is currently in training as the up-and-coming Union Representative for November 2023. Chief Smith recognized Lt. Garza for doing a great job in representing the body in a fair and diplomatic manner.

**New Business:**

1. Expenditure Approval. Commissioner Ricks moved to approve the total expenditure amount of \$450,168.37. Commissioner Pethia seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
2. Meeting Minutes.
  - A. Commissioner Pethia moved to approve the general board meeting minutes from April 10, 2023. Commissioner Culleton seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
  - B. Commissioner Pethia moved to approve the special meeting minutes from April 25, 2023. Commissioner Culleton seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
3. RFQ Asphalt Repair St 1-1 – Chief Smith presented the RFQ to repair the Asphalt at St. 1-1. Capt. Smith provided an alternative solution of doing the patch repairs in-house. Commissioner Ricks requested this matter be tabled until the costs of performing the work in-house can be provided.

**Unfinished Business (action items):** None

**Unfinished Business (non-action items):** None

**Communications:**

1. April 2023 Thurston County Treasurers report presented.
2. April 2023 Budget Report not presented.
3. Chief Smith discussed the wage benefit report.

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

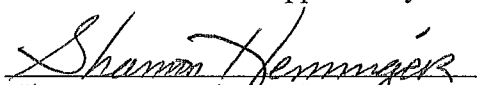
Chief Smith reported that crews responded to 271 calls in April (average of 9 calls per day) and 31% of the time they were managing more than one call. The crews responded to 7 fire calls, two of which were a mix of mutual aid residential and commercial structure fires, 3 house fires in-district with a tire fire and a mobile home used as a fixed residence. Crews also attended 216 EMS calls and 48 others (details can be found on page three).

**Commissioner Reports:** None

**Good of the Order:** None

**Adjournment:** The board adjourned the meeting at 17:52 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

  
Jeff Jernigan, Board Member