



THURSTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS 1 & 11
**WEST THURSTON REGIONAL FIRE
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March 14, 2022 – Governing Board Business Meeting at Sargent Rd (Grand Mound 1-1) station

Call to Order/Attendance: Commissioner Pethia called the meeting to order at 18:00 hours. Commissioners Culleton (via Zoom), Dahl, Elkins, and Ricks (via Zoom), Chiefs R. Smith and R. Stone, Captain Dyer, Union Representative Lt. Garza, Lt. Swecker, FFs Santee, Brown, Matson and Spiegelberg, Admin Assistant Linda Patraca, and Secretary Linda Shea were present. Commissioner Jernigan, Chiefs Kaleiwahea and Scott were absent (excused.)

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: Commissioner Dahl requested an executive session to discuss personnel evaluations (42.30.110 (g)).

Public Comments/Presentations: None.

Labor Management: Lt. Garza reported that a contract should be ready for the BOFC at the next meeting. He also reported that an overview was given at the recent Citizen’s Advisory Council (CAC) meeting, which was well received.

New Business:

1. Expenditure Approval. Commissioner Dahl moved to approve the expenditures of \$471,016.63. Commissioner Elkins seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
2. Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Dahl moved to approve the general board minutes of February 14, 2022 and the workshop minutes of February 24, 2022. Commissioner Ricks seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Resolution #2022-03, Surplus Property. Linda S. presented Resolution #2022-03 to dispose of surplus property. Commissioner Dahl moved to approve Resolution #2022-03. Commissioner Elkins seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Budget Adjustment for Mobilization funds into Wildland Reserve. Linda S. requested board approval of the movement of the equipment mobilization reimbursements from the General Fund-Unreserved balance into the Mobilization Fund Reserve, to be used for the purchase of the brush truck. Commissioner Elkins moved to approve the transaction. Commissioner Dahl seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Unfinished Business (action items): None.

Unfinished Business (nonaction items):

1. Chehalis Tribe negotiations. Chief Smith reported that he and Chief Kaleiwahea have a meeting scheduled with Kelly Edwards, Tribal Police Chief, later this month to discuss recent emergency response activities.

Communications:

1. Thurston County Treasurer February 2022 reports were presented.

2. March 2022 budget reports were presented. Linda S. noted the Admin-Miscellaneous budget is spent down considerably due to the recent LNI fine. She also noted the Facilities-Heating Fuels budget is spent down considerably as well, which is consistent with past years and related to the usage during the winter months.
3. 2023-2026 Budget/Levy Projections - Update. Linda S. distributed a display of levy rate options, updated to include a rate for adding 6 new firefighters. She reported the CAC had settled on the rate proposal that included 6 new firefighters plus the capital projects identified for the next four years. The board agreed with the proposal recommended by the CAC.

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

1. Chief Smith:
 - a. Call volume is down from last month, but on average for the year.
 - b. Weyerhaeuser is following up on options for a possible easement on the property being considered for a Mima area station.
2. Captain Dyer:
 - a. She plans to decrease the reporting on COVID in the future, given the current pandemic status.
 - b. Egg Dash is coming up April 16.
 - c. Volunteer recruitment is ongoing, but the plan is to hold application/interview processes just a few times a year rather than every month.

Commissioner Reports:

1. Commissioner Ricks reported on the discussions held on hospital turn-around times and ALS contracts.
2. Commissioner Pethia reported that he has not heard from the Health Insurance committee on whether his nominees were selected to serve on the committee.

Good of the Order: None.

The board recessed at 18:40 for 10 minutes to hold individual district board and BVFF meetings before going into executive session.


The board announced it would go into a 30-minute executive session at 18:50. The board concluded the executive session at 19:20 with no official action taken.

Adjournment: The board adjourned the general meeting at 19:20 hours.

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