



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



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September 6, 2022 – Governing Board Workshop at 10828 Littlerock Rd SW (Littlerock 1-2 station)

Call to Order/Attendance: Commissioner Pethia called the meeting to order at 17:00 hours. Commissioners Culleton, Dahl, Elkins, Jernigan, and Ricks, Chiefs Scott, R. Smith and R. Stone, Captains Christenson, Drake, and Dyer, Volunteer BC Frasl, Union Representative Lt. Garza, Lt. Palmerson, FFs Dean, Hall, Kondrack, Matson, Santee (via Zoom), and Vavrinec, Admin Assistant Linda Patraca, Secretary Linda Shea and guests Terry Blankenship, Shannon Hemminger (via Zoom), Emily Morales (via Zoom), and Trish Santee (via Zoom).

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: None.

Public Comments/Presentations: None.

Old Business: Linda S. presented a 2023 budget assuming the levy passes in February 2023 (see handout). There was discussion on when lay-off notices would have to be distributed if the November levy doesn't pass, with Lt. Garza reminding the board that the union has 90 days to negotiate the layoff impacts. He was partial to one of the options presented at an earlier meeting which provided for a tiered layoff schedule. The board also discussed what options the department has if one district's levy passes, and the other district's levy fails. It was confirmed that the department can collect the revenue but must ensure the individual district's levy funds are reported and spent separately so there are no subsidization issues. This also raised the question of whether cross-staffing the stations could still occur under that scenario. The board mentioned concerns about maintaining the three closed stations without a maintenance technician. After the discussions, the board agreed the budget as presented was acceptable under the scenario of a levy passage in February 2023.

Terry Blankenship commented on the need to get a clear, concise message to the citizens, and to "get in their face" to help them understand the importance of the levy.

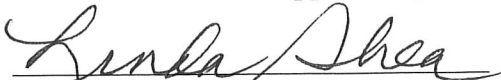
The board called for a 5-minute recess prior to convening an executive session.

Executive Session: It was announced that the board would be convening a 45-minute executive session at 17:54, to discuss employee performance (RCW 42.30.110(g)). The board adjourned the executive session at 18:39, with no action taken.

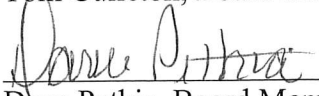
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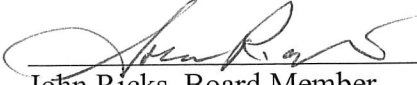
Adjournment: The board adjourned the general meeting at 18:41 hours.

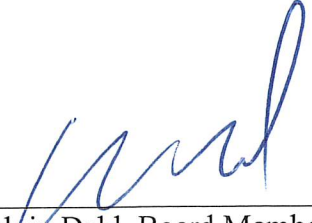
Submitted for Board approval by:


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