



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



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October 14, 2024 – Governing Board Business Meeting at 10828 Littlerock Rd SW, Olympia St. 1-2

Call to Order/Attendance: Commissioner Dahl called the meeting to order at 17:30 hours.

Commissioners: Scott, Ricks, Culleton, Reed, Merryman

Chief: N. Drake

Asst. Chief:

Battalion Chief: R. Stone, E. Smith (Zoom)

Captains:

Lieutenants: C. Lyon, M. Morales,

Firefighters: T. Sexton, R. Lohse, B. Devert, T. Fox, A. Harding

Volunteer:

Admin: Admin Svcs Director/Secretary S. Hemminger, Recruit & Retention Coord. A. Reynoldson, Facilities C. Heilman

Union Representative: A. Trautman

Guests: Tom Fitzgerald, Bob Maser, Andy Fox, Rachel Fox, Leigh Dickerson, Jodi Pierce, Brin Marri, Jamal Marri, Madison Marshall, Cody Marshall, Emily Morales, Doug Drake, Diana Drake

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: Badge Pinning for Nathan Drake and Tim Fox.

Public Comments/Presentations: Tom Fitzgerald presented a request to the board to provide LifeScan physicals (full body scan and bloodwork) for retired Firefighters.

Labor Management: A. Trautman, one FF/EMT returned to full duty and two still remain out.

New Business:

1. Board Secretary Hemminger swore in Nathan Drake as the new fire Chief, and Chief Drake swore in T. Fox who completed his one-year probationary period.
2. Expenditure Approval – Commissioner Merryman moved to approve the total expenditure amount of \$595,993.65. Commissioner Ricks seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
3. Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Ricks moved to approve the September 9, 2024, meeting minutes. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
4. 2025 Preliminary Budget – Admin Services Director presented three different budget proposals for 2025, which are dependent upon the Maintenance and Operation Levy results on November 5, 2024. Commissioner Dahl suggested the Board have a workshop on November 13, 2024, to review budget after the results of the election.

Unfinished Business (action items): None

Unfinished Business (non-action items): Board Secretary reported back on the surplus of radios being donated to another Fire District, and the RFA is within legal boundaries to do so.

Communications: None

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

Recruit & Retention Coordinator Update: Refer to printed report.

Commissioner Reports: Commissioner Ricks commented on how well the town hall meetings went and commended Chief Drake on his presentations. Commissioner Ricks advised that Medic 1 will have their 8th ALS unit at Tumwater Fire Department.

Commissioners have requested the Safety Officer attend the next meeting.


Request to investigate Solar Panel Grants.


Commissioner Scott inquired as to when the L & I Inspection occurs, and it's every two years.


Good of the Order: None

Adjournment: The board adjourned the meeting at 1841 hours.

Submitted for Board approval by:


Shannon Hemminger, Secretary


Calvin Dahl, Board Member


Robert Scott, Board Member


Jeff Merryman, Board Member


John Ricks, Board Member


Tom Culleton, Board Member


Mike Reed, Board Member