



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



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April 10, 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 17:01 hours, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners: Elkins, Culleton, Dahl, Ricks, Pethia and Jernigan.

Chief: R. Smith, R. Stone

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

Union Representative Lt. Garza

Lieutenants:

Firefighters: M. Bennett,

Volunteer: Spiegelberg (Zoom)

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

Guests: Wava Garza, Jeff Merryman, Emily Morales (Zoom), Jenifer Whisler (Zoom)

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: None

Public Comments/Presentations: 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.

New Business:

1. Expenditure Approval. Commissioner Dahl moved to approve the total expenditure amount of \$569,069.39. Commissioner Ricks seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
2. Meeting Minutes.
 - A. Commissioner Pethia moved to approve the board workshop meeting minutes from February 21, 2023. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
 - B. Commissioner Pethia moved to approve the board meeting minutes from March 13, 2023. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
3. Mobe Equipment Reimbursements – Shannon presented the 2022 Mobe Equipment Reimbursement of \$39,240.04, received from DNR and WSP. Discussion was held to leave the funds in the general fund or move the funds to the Wildland Reserve Fund. Commissioner Dahl moved to put the funds in the Wildland Reserve Fund. Commissioner Ricks seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Unfinished Business (action items): None

Unfinished Business (non-action items):

Communications:

1. March 2023 Thurston County Treasurers report presented.
2. April 2023 Budget Report presented.
3. Chief Smith reported on the Easter Egg Dash being a success this year, with approximately 100 people attending Rochester and 75 attending Littlerock.
4. Chief Smith reported on the survey results from Public Consulting Group, in week one there were 84 responses and another 25 last week. Discussion was had on other ways to advertise the survey.
5. Chief Smith reported on West Thurston Fire’s participation in the Sherman Valley Fund Raiser on April 1st, 2023. Special thanks to Lt. Lyons and Shannon for representing the department.

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

Chief Smith reported the crews responded to 254 calls in March (average of 8 calls per day) and 33% of the time they were managing more than one call. The crews responded to 15 fire calls, 185 EMS calls and 54 other response types.

Commissioner Reports:

1. Commissioner Ricks reported on Medic 1 is still regrouping after the failed levy, BLS funding is on hold until future decisions are made. Commissioner Ricks announced that Olympic Ambulance is under contract with Providence Hospital to receive patients at the emergency room entrance and EMT’s are no longer performing this task.
2. Commissioner Pethia reported on attending the Hazard Mitigation meeting with Chief Smith.

Good of the Order:

1. Volunteer FF/EMT John Spiegelberg is being promoted to Lieutenant on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 5pm at Grand Mound Fire Station.
2. Lt. Garza reported the Scott Lake Ball Field project is complete and special thanks to Chris Heilman who worked tirelessly on the project.

Adjournment: The board adjourned the meeting at 18:09 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