



THURSTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS 1 & 11
**WEST THURSTON REGIONAL FIRE
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June 10, 2019 – Governing Board Business Meeting at the Littlerock Road Fire Station

Call to Order/Attendance: Commissioner Jernigan called the meeting to order at 18:00 hours. Commissioners Elkins, Jones, Pethia and Ricks, Chiefs Kaleiwahea, Scott and Stone, Captain Dyer, Union Representative Lt. Garza, and Secretary Linda Shea were present. Commissioner Dahl was absent (excused.)

Public Hearing/Comment/Presentations: None.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

1. Commissioner Ricks requested a presentation by Captain Dyer on social media impacts and the recent videos developed for the public outreach program.
2. Commissioner Elkins requested a future reporting on remarkable or unusual incidents that occurred during the month (the chiefs noted these are typically reported in the Chief's reports.)

Labor Management Team Report:

1. Chief Scott reported a meeting will be scheduled soon. He also reported that he is working with the union on the appeal of a recent LNI claim of a department firefighter that was denied.
2. Lt. Garza reported they are gearing up for promotion of the upcoming M&O levy. He also reported that negotiations will be starting soon (the IAFF president has indicated he is ready whenever the department wants to begin.)

New Business:

1. Expenditure Approval. Commissioner Jones moved to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$693,909.56. Commissioner Elkins seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
2. Minutes. Commissioner Pethia moved to approve the general board minutes from May 13, 2019 **and** the special board minutes from May 21, 2019. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Resolution #2019-006, Warrant Cancellations. Linda presented the outstanding warrants as of June 30, 2018 to be cancelled. Commissioner Jones moved to approve Resolution #2019-006. Commissioner Elkins seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Resolution #2019-007, Surplus Equipment. Linda presented equipment to be approved for surplus, noting that four chairs will be added to the resolution from the clean-out of furniture from Michigan Hill. Commissioner Pethia moved to approve Resolution #2019-007 as amended. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Unfinished Business (action items): None.

Unfinished Business (nonaction items):

1. GEMT update. Linda presented an update on the GEMT program, reporting that the department is expected to receive over \$500,000 for the CY2017 managed care claims, sometime in August. The department has processed payment to the state Health Care Authority for its contributed match share (\$239,200).
2. Beaver Creek property. Chief Scott reported the department has received the preliminary site and soil evaluation report from Environmental Design. The permit was filed at the county on May 29. Chief Kaleiwahea reminded the board that commitments made to the public regarding the sale of this property involve using the proceeds to site a response station in the Mima/Bordeaux/Gate area.
3. Chehalis Tribe negotiations. No update.
4. Energy Consultant. Chief Scott reported a Scope of Work was signed and he is meeting with the vendor on Thursday (as approved by the board at the special meeting May 21.)

Communications:

1. Thurston County Treasurer May 2019 reports were presented as per RCW 52.16.050(4).
2. June 2019 budget reports were distributed.
3. Policy #1.1009, Member Ethics. Chief Kaleiwahea provided a copy of Policy #1.1009, Member Ethics, Workplace Standards and Conduct at the request of several board members. Commissioner Elkins noted he would bring a copy of the Thurston County Sheriff's Office similar policy for board review.
4. Recruit Academy Graduation invitation. Chief Kaleiwahea provided a copy of the invitation for the upcoming recruit academy graduation on June 12.
5. Levy Fact Sheet. Chief Kaleiwahea presented a one page summary of levy facts designed to help members and the public understand the impacts of the proposed M&O levy.
6. Social Media/Videos. Captain Dyer presented an overview of the department's Facebook page, and also showed two recently completed videos focusing on recent high-interest incidents (a citizen CPR save and the use of pet CPR at a structure fire.) Commissioner Pethia asked about using RAVE to send out notifications about road closures. Chief Kaleiwahea reported that formal training was just finished this morning, and officers will focus on using the RAVE system for sending out large scale incident notifications.

Chief Reports:

1. Chief Kaleiwahea reported the Maytown water supply project continues to progress, with the department agreeing to a domestic-use agreement for a connection to the group A water system being built by Old Dominion.
2. Chief Scott reported on a situation with Medic 14's new ambulance where the battery was receiving extremely high amps (90 instead of 2), causing a sulfuric acid leak at station 1-1. The crews evacuated and no injuries were reported.
3. Commissioner Jones asked about the status of second bunker sets for each career firefighter. Chief Kaleiwahea reported that a full inventory assessment had just been completed. Commissioner Jones requested this project be considered high-priority and to use GEMT funds if necessary to ensure all career firefighters have a second set by the end of the year.

Commissioner Reports:

1. EMS Council. Commissioner Ricks reported that Medic One recently had a poll conducted for their levy restoration proposal next year. He also reported that St. Peter's Hospital was recently approved for their bed expansion certificate.
2. West Thurston Admin Board. Commissioner Ricks reported the next meeting will be held on June 26, where by-laws and a possible name change will be discussed.

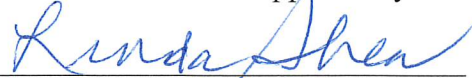
3. Thurston County Fire Commissioners. Commissioner Pethia reported that Shelly Westall gave an update on the FirstNet program, which is a program designed to connect all first responders when involved in a multi-jurisdictional incident. The program release has been delayed until the end of the year.
4. Washington Fire Commissioners. Commrs. Dahl, Pethia and Ricks attended the seminar in Chelan, which covered the legislative process for bill passage.
5. Training Consortium. Commissioner Pethia reported the training facilities are not being used as expected, and there is consideration of dissolving the consortium. The next meeting is scheduled for January.
6. Community Communications. Commissioner Pethia reported that emergency communications during a disaster should be considered by the department, possibly in the investment of ham radios (\$5,000 cost estimate).


Good of the Order:

1. Linda presented two thank-you's from the community.
2. Lt. Garza noted that he is looking for a vehicle to be used by the union in the Swede Day parade.
3. Captain Dyer reported that local realtor Larry Weaver has offered to supply department newsletters to new home owners in the area.

Adjournment: The board adjourned the meeting at 19:47 hours.

Submitted for Board approval by:


Linda Shea, Secretary


John Jones, Board Member


Dave Pethia, Board Member


John Ricks, Board Member


Calvin Dahl, Board Member

Ben Elkins, Board Member


Jeff Jernigan, Board Member

