



**SNOHOMISH COUNTY
FIRE DISTRICT 26**

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Business Meeting Minutes, August 14, 2019

BVFF Committee: Bill, Kate, Chief Andrews and Karen (recorder) were present. Carsen Smith was not in attendance.

There were no BVFF charges to approve.

The business meeting was called to order at 19:03. Present were Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs, Vice Commissioner Pat Sample, and Commissioners Kate Hayes, Michelle Adie, Molly Olson, Doug Rupp and Leigh Christianson. Also present were Chief Eric Andrews, Assistant Chief Ernie Walters, Division Chief Jarrod Spence, and Secretary Karen McPeters (recorder). Commissioner Tim Folsom submitted a letter of resignation from the board of commissioners due to family commitments.

Public Commentary: No public commentary.

Reports:

EXECUTIVE

The M&O levy passed with 67.35% (as of Friday). As determined in the special meeting on August 5, due to the prior M&O levy not yet expiring, the new levy can't be implemented even though it passed.

Fire District 5 (Sultan) is still not negotiating a contract for ALS transport services with District 7 or District 26. Commissioner Chair Tubbs will attend their next meeting to discuss this issue with the District 5 board.

OPERATIONS

All of the GEMT payments for 2017 have come in, and the 2018 payments are expected in October or November.

Chief Walters met with the mayor, town clerk, and public works director concerning the lease agreement developed by the district's attorney. The town is now reconsidering a buy out plan instead of leasing the auxiliary building.

The addition to Station 55 is nearly complete and should have building and electrical inspections this week.

The Rescue Committee is working on modifications and gearing up the new rescue vehicle. It should be operational by September 1.

Rescue 54 and Tender 55 will have the old decals and striping removed and new decals and striping installed. All of the old District 28 vehicles will also have the striping and decals changed out next.

EMS

MSA Abers is working on implementing a new EMT checkoff system for all of the EMS personnel. He is also working on creating an EMS training coordinator position to assure that EMS training is delivered both in-district, and in King County District 50 as well.

A committee is meeting to draft new medic unit specifications.

Also working on agreement and staffing for upcoming ski season at Stevens Pass Resort.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Spence is working on the phone system and planning for upgrades of EPCR and MDC tech for next year.

Monitoring and soil sample wells were drilled for monitoring of the aquifer recharge area. The preliminary report should be available shortly, and a more finalized design and layout can be completed. The water well will be decommissioned.

The training facility has had some heavy use, so the district has raised the cost for outside agencies in order to mitigate smoke issues for neighboring properties.

The drone program is still pending a waiver from the FCC.

The Fall Fire Academy is full, the Engine Ops class is filling up, and planning has begun for next year's training opportunities.

Secretary's Report:

The Systems Design report is available for review.

The call report is available for review.

Budget:

Expenditures are at 69%.

Minutes: Molly moved to approve the July minutes. With a second from Doug, the motion passed unanimously.

Vouchers: Bill moved to approve August vouchers 332-19 through 383-19 in the amount of \$126,338.82. With a second from Pat, the motion passed unanimously.

Payroll: Bill moved to approve August payroll in the amount of \$101,075.49 (includes \$8268 for Left Hand Fire, to be reimbursed). With a second from Kate, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion:

Commissioner Rupp continues to work with Camp and Associates on the cell service study on the Index-Galena Road. SERS needs to know the frequency of the repeater before they will agree to any installation. Camp is determining the frequency in order to install a temporary transmitter and make a signal strength map. Rupp expects to make a final report at the next meeting.

M&O levy will need to be run again next year, so funds for another election will need to be budgeted for 2020.

Discussion regarding commissioner compensation for special meetings- RCW 70.44.050 states that commissioners receive compensation for any day or portion thereof spent in attendance at official meetings of the district or other meetings attended by one or more commissioners of two or more districts called to consider business common to them.

Next meeting 7:00 on September 11 at Station 53.

Adjournment 8:21.