

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 15
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
7812 Waterworks Rd. Tulalip, WA 98271
September 20, 2021

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Sherman called the regular meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Those in attendance were: Chairman Sherman, Commissioner Hudson, Commissioner Fryberg, Chief Shaughnessy, Administrative Assistant Erin Bickford and Board Secretary Rachel Hughes. Crew from Station 60 were also present.

FLAG SALUTE – No flag present.

AGENDA –

Commissioner Hudson moved to approve the amended agenda. Chairman Sherman seconded; motion carried by unanimous vote.

CONSENT AGENDA –

1. Minutes of August 16, 2021, Regular Meeting
2. Finances:
 - a. August Payroll in the amount of \$382,571.79
 - b. Accounts Payable in the amount of \$86,100.01
 - c. Agency Deposits in the amount of \$42,649.12

Commissioner Hudson moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Fryberg seconded; motion carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC INPUT – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS -

- a) COVID-19 Update- Chief Shaughnessy gave an update on the current COVID-19 situation. The crews are still separated. There have been no breakthrough cases within the department in the last 30 days. Chief Shaughnessy thanked the crews for their continued hard work and flexibility through the COVID-19 pandemic. Chairman Sherman advised the Board that Captain Dan Olson with South County Fire and Rescue had passed due to COVID-19. A moment of silence was taken for Captain Olson.
- b) Marysville Fire Department ILA- Chief Shaughnessy advised the Board that Marysville Fire responded to the District with their concerns regarding an ILA. At this time the Board will discontinue the ILA conversations with Marysville Fire. Chairman Sherman will make contact with the Marysville Fire Board of Commissioners chairman.
- c) Tribal Funding Agreement- Chief Shaughnessy advised that the current agreement with the Tulalip Tribes will be ending at the end of the year. Chief Shaughnessy would like to extend the current agreement as is for one additional year plus a 1% increase. The Tribal service committee will meet the first part of October to discuss further.
- d) Quil Ceda Village- Chairman Sherman advised that he has had continued communication with Mr. Napeahi. The Chairman is also looking into help from the Tribes and Quil Ceda Village for

temporary housing space for the crews which would free up the administration building so that the administration could return.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a) Resolution 2021-10-September Meeting Date Change-

Commissioner Hudson moved to approve Resolution 2021-10- September Meeting Date Change moving the 10:30am September 13, 2021 Board of Commissioner’s meeting to 10:30am September 20, 2021.

Commissioner Fryberg seconded; motion carried by unanimous vote.

- b) Vaccination Mandate Policy- Chief Shaughnessy advised the Board that he needs to negotiate with the union on the vaccination policy. The District will have some employees with exemptions. Chief Shaughnessy will be calling a special meeting to adopt the new policy.
- c) 2021 Budget Update and Amendment- A discussion was held about the current status of the 2021 budget. There will be an approximate 1.3 million of carryover to start the 2022 budget. More was spent this year than anticipated, however there were also additional funds that came in.
- d) 2022 Budget- Chief Shaughnessy advised that the first draft will be completed shortly. There will be no healthcare increases in 2022. The District and union are currently in contract so there will be no changes there. Chief is hoping to not have to make any cuts in 2022.
- e) Hat Island- Chairman Sherman would like to start attending the Hat Island Board of Commissioners meetings to see how the District operates. There is some interest in future discussions about shared marine services.

COMMUNICATIONS –

- a) OFP Update- Chairman Sherman advised the Board that there was a request by South County Fire and Rescue for use of the District’s drone. The drone is currently with Getchell Fire and being used by their drone operators. South County Fire appreciated the assistance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

GOOD OF THE ORDER – Chief Shaughnessy and Commissioner Fryberg thanked the aid unit and crews for being at the football fields to assist during games. Chief Shaughnessy advised that the wildland crews from CA will be back tomorrow and thanked the crews for their hard work and continued positive attitudes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

- a) The next Commissioner meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. via Bluejeans.com

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Hughes
Board Secretary