

Mason County Fire District 18 Board of Commissioners

August 9, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cochran at 1700 hours. Also present were Commissioners Barb Bodin, and Leonard K. Weaver.

Fire Personnel: Michael Sexton, Ron Satterfield, Ray Menard, Camille Lemke, Gavin Rightmyer, Trinity Rightmyer, Will Torres

Secretary: Karen Thomas

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Previous Minutes:

Hoodsport Fire & EMS July 12, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes: Commissioner Bodin moved to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Weaver. Passed Unanimously.

Treasurer's Report/Payment of Bills and Payroll:

Total of \$67,575.77 bills and payroll for the month of August.

\$62,955.37 in EXPENSE

\$4,620.40 in EMS

Motion to pay the bills and payroll made by Commissioner Bodin. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Weaver. Passed Unanimously.

Chiefs Report:

- 78 calls in July, bringing us to 353 year to date.
- Michael's surgery went well, was able to time the procedure to be able to host/instruct IV Tech class this fall.
- Discussion was had on neighboring districts and their assistance. Thank you to Mason County Fire District 16 for support and extrication assistance last weekend.

Correspondence:

- Thank you letter from Central Mason for helping with the McEwan Prairie fire.
- Chair Cochran received an email regarding Firewise.

Old Business:

- AC: Sunset Air is working on finishing up the project. It is almost done; we are waiting on the air circulator.
- Back up Cameras: Installed in B-18-1, A-18-1, T-18-1, C-18-2, AND R-19-1.
- Boat: Working on dates to go look at some options and what would be the best fit for our departments needs.

- Generator for Hoodspport: Have not heard back from the original company to fix the existing problem. We will be reaching out to other companies for quotes to replace it as well. Commissioners in attendance are in agreement that they would support moving forward with replacing it, even though it was not originally budgeted for.
- With the continued growth of our department, as well as the original needs, we will potentially need to purchase more bunker gear than we originally budgeted for. With so much of our current gear nearing the end of its “In-Service” time all at once, we will be looking at our needs as we get ready to prepare the 2024 budget.
- September 2023: Will consider a second meeting specific to budgeting. Commissioners will be considering and thinking of any specific budget needs we need to take into account for 2024 and will work together to do some future cost projections.

#### New Business:

- Long Term Care went into effect in July. There was a mistake in Payroll, and nothing was taken out in July, so August checks will reflect two months of Long-Term Care Fees, then they will go back to calculated at their intended rate/month. Discussion was had on Hoodspport Fire & EMS covering the cost of the Long-Term Care for employees, excluding the Commissioners. Motion was made in support by Commissioner Bodin. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chair Cochran. Passed Unanimously. A resolution will be presented at the next meeting.
- Executive Session tabled to the end of the meeting.

#### Public Comment:

- Captain Menard: We need more help and support from the county to plan preventively. We do not believe we are getting any support currently. We have serious potential for community isolation in case of a disaster. Having access to resources could be very limited. Our CERT Program needs to be reengaged. A county wide disaster drill could be helpful and a good indicator of our readiness.

#### Good of the Order:

- We are doing a District BBQ after the next commissioner meeting on 9/13/23 for the commissioners, volunteers and their families for everyone to have a chance to meet.
- Robbins House: We are VERY thankful for all of our volunteers, and we wouldn't be able to do what we do without them.
- Captain Menard: The Lt Board has been pushed to October to hopefully get us to get us out of the Wildland Fire Season.

**Executive Session** 10 minutes requested: 1806-1816

**RCW 42.30.110(1)(g):** *To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.30.140(4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public;*

No Action Taken.

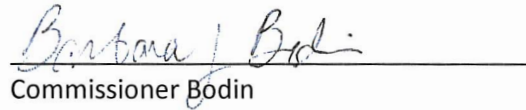
Meeting Adjourned at 6:17 pm

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Chair Cochran

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Commissioner McDougall

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Commissioner Bodin

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Leona Weaver", written over a horizontal line.

Commissioner Weaver