



## Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

*April 29, 2019*

Chairman Steve Fox called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 51. Commissioner Cople and Commissioner Geiger were present. Chief Halverson, Deputy Chief Fulcher and District Secretary, Cathy Barth, were present. Members of the public were in attendance.

### **Additions to Agenda - None**

**Public Comments** – Firefighter Gwilt thanked everyone that helped and supported the Bond campaign.

Debbie Cople discussed the Rich Rode Scholarship with the Sultan Education Foundation. She said that in the past the volunteer association and Local 2781 each donated five hundred dollars. On June 9<sup>th</sup> the battle of badges game between the Fire District and the Police will be held. Money earned for this event sponsors a scholarship for EMT/Police training education. She also extended her congratulations on the Bond issue passing.

### **Consent Items – None**

**Chief's Report** – See Attached

Commissioner Fox asked that the Commissioners be kept apprised of the situation during the bond financing process.

Commissioner Geiger asked for further clarification of the public records that have been requested and how the response to the request is progressing. Chief Halverson and District Secretary Cathy Barth informed him as to the types of records being requested and the timeline to provide them.

Commissioner Geiger asked the Chief about responding in the DNR areas of the Fire District and the plan for Mobilization responses with District apparatus and personnel. The Chief responded that we are generally obligated to fight a wildland fire for an hour, DNR is responsible to continue the effort thereafter. The Chief stated that the biggest concern is getting people out safely from the forested and interface lands. Staff is presently working with DNR and Snohomish County to get better mapping and keys to access the numerous gates that restrict firefighting efforts and evacuations. The Chief said that decisions to participate in mobilizations will be made based on circumstances at the time. He will be conservative in sending resources elsewhere to insure coverage in District.

**Secretary's Report** – All records have been scanned and returned to us from the Washington State Archives. Assistant Secretary Lynene Young is following the state guidelines in reviewing a ten percent sampling of the returned records to verify the accuracy of the scanned records.

### **Old Business –**

**Bond** – Chief Halverson reviewed the Bond vote results with the Commissioners in his Chief's report. He advised the Board that the final vote count will not be done until May 5<sup>th</sup> but that the ballots counted are sufficient to declare passage of the Bond.

**Newsletter** – DC Fulcher presented the Wildland fire risk newsletter. A newsletter targeting residents on land associated with potential risk this fire season, was provided to the Commissioners for review.

**Open Issues and Actions** – No new actions.



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### **New Business –**

**PO#2019-2232 – Dell Marketing LP** - A motion to approve [PO#2019-2232 for Training room workstation computer and software](#) was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Geiger asked if there had been public recognition of the last two donations received by the Association and District. Debbie Copple offered the Chamber newsletter as a means of providing recognition. The Commissioners and Chief agreed this was a good idea.

### **Executive Session - None**

**Commissioner Comments** – Commissioner Fox thanked staff for assistance with the Bond. Commissioner Copple agreed. Commissioner Geiger thanked DC Fulcher for the newsletter, Chief Halverson for his work on the Bond and Firefighter Jason Gwilt for the union's assistance. He congratulated Jeff Williams for his new appointment to the Firefighter position and thanked the Secretaries for all of their hard work.

**Adjourn** - Being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Copple, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

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Cathy Barth  
District Secretary