

Spokane County Fire Protection District 8

MINUTES

Regular Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting

Station 82

February 9, 2010

6:00 p.m. Draft

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by Chair Hesse at 6:00 p.m. In Attendance: Commissioner Lee Boling, Commissioner Gregory Hesse, Commissioner Dennis Ross, Chief William Walkup, Chief Tony Nielsen, Chief Lonnie Rash, Administrative Assistant, Carol Trescott, members of the District, and members of the public.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- Add Executive Report, Item D – Northwest Leadership Seminar
- Add Executive Report, Item E – Facility Security System

Motion made by Commissioner Boling, and seconded by Commissioner Ross:

The meeting Agenda is approved as amended. The motion carried unanimously

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Commissioner Ross, and seconded by Commissioner Boling:

The Consent Agenda is approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Recognition Event Policy – Historically, the BoFC has recognized the many contributions of District members and the hours of service they provide to the agency by sponsoring an annual recognition event. The State Auditor has taken exception to past practice of paying for the meal for a member's spouse or guest. In an effort to comply with SAO requirements, the Board authorized to pay the costs of an annual recognition event for District members only.

The Board authorized a maximum payment of \$2,500 to the Firefighters Association for the extraordinary services and station maintenance provided to the District by its members.

Motion made by Commissioner Boling, and seconded by Commissioner Hesse:

Motion to pay for the member and give a sum to the Firefighters Associate as deemed appropriate by the Chief for the services rendered. The motion carried unanimously.

B. ASB Interlocal Extension – The Ambulance Service Board requested all participating agencies extend the current Ambulance Interlocal Agreement until December 31, 2010. This request has to do primarily with whether the City of Spokane will elect to participate in the county-wide agreement, who or which agency will administer the contract, and contract administration fees.

The BoFC authorized the Board chair and the Fire Chief to sign the Second Amendment to the County Wide Ambulance Interlocal Agreement.

Motion made by Commissioner Boling, and seconded by Commissioner Ross:

Motion: to authorize an extension until December 31, 2010 of the Ambulance Interlocal Agreement, and authorize the Board chair to sign the Second Amendment of the Agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE REPORT: Chief Walkup

A. Grant Award – Chief Nielsen secured a \$600 Assistance to Rural Fire Departments grant from the Department of Natural Resources. The monies will be used to purchase pagers.

B. Bond Refinancing – Jim Blumenthal, Martin Nelson and Company, forwarded a presentation to staff outlining the benefits of refinancing the District’s current bond. At current rates, Mr. Blumenthal believes refinancing will net the District’s citizens a savings of approximately \$220,000 over the life of the bond. Martin Nelson’s fees would be approximately \$80,000. In addition, Chief Walkup contacted Jeff Nave of Foster Pepper, the bond counsel previously used by the District in 2000. Mr. Nave reviewed the information and agrees that late-spring, summer, or early fall would be a good time to refinance the District’s bonds. The Board will discuss the matter further at the March meeting.

C. IAFC EMS Conference – The District’s Medical Services Officer, Medical Advisor, and Fire Chief, will be attending the IAFC EMS conference in Las Vegas in May. Commissioners Boling and Hesse will attend as well; Commissioner Ross is to review his schedule.

D. Northwest Leadership Conference – The Northwest Leadership Seminar is March 3, 4, & 5, in Portland, Oregon. All three Board members, the Fire Chief, a staff member, and a member of the bargaining unit will attend.

E. Security System – A new lock system has been installed at all District stations. Each member will be issued an access card with their District ID, as well as a person access PIN.

CORRESPONDENCE

Attached

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board broke for Executive Session at 6:35 pm for evaluation of candidates for recipient of the 2009 Commissioners Award, and for matters of contract negotiations and discussions with Local 3711. Chief Nielsen and Chief Rash were asked to attend.

The meeting reconvened at 7:44 p.m. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Gregory A. Hesse, Chair
Fire District 8 Commissioner

ATTEST:

William A. Walkup
District Secretary