

Spokane County Fire Protection District 8 Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting



MINUTES

February 8, 2022, 6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held at Station 82 and on Zoom; Chair Greg Hesse called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. In Attendance: Commissioner Andy Rorie, Commissioner Lee Boling, Commissioner Greg Hesse, Fire Chief Lonnie Rash, Assistant Chief Chris Wyrobek, District Secretary Carol Trescott, members of the District and of the community.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A Motion was made by Commissioner Boling and seconded by Commissioner Rorie: **Move to approve the Agenda as presented.** The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

The following warrants and electronic transfers were approved for payment:

- Warrant Numbers 113685 through 113754 totaling \$288,984.87
- Electronic Transfers 01/01/2022 – 01/31/2022 totaling \$375,491.05

A Motion was made by Commissioner Boling and seconded by Commissioner Rorie: **Move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.** The Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Selection of 2022 Chair and Vice Chair: A Motion was made by Commissioner Rorie and seconded by Commissioner Hesse: **Move to select Commissioner Lee Boling as Chair for the coming year.** The Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Hesse and seconded by Commissioner Boling: **Move to select Commissioner Andy Rorie as Vice-Chair.** The Motion carried unanimously.

B. Recognition of Dr. Metcalf; Introduction of Dr. Dang: As originally announced in October of 2021, Chief Rash reported the duties of Physician Advisor have now transitioned from Dr. Michael Metcalf to Dr. Maika Dang. Chief Rash recognized Dr. Metcalf for his dedicated service to Fire District 8. Dr. Metcalf was the founding Physician Advisor for the District and was instrumental in creating the culture to make the paramedic program what it is today. He was also influential in prehospital emergency medicine in our region and worked with the EMS Council for many years, as well as with the Mt. Spokane Ski Patrol. Chief Rash said Dr. Metcalf has been an amazing mentor and educator and he presented him with a plaque in appreciation of his service to the District and the community.

The Commissioners also expressed their thanks and appreciation to Dr. Metcalf for his work and contributions in establishing the paramedic program in the District.

Dr. Metcalf said it has been an honor to work with the medics and he feels that District 8 has one of the best paramedic programs in the area. Dr. Metcalf stated Dr. Dang will do a fantastic job and welcomed him to the program.

Chief Rash introduced and welcomed Dr. Maika Dang. Dr. Dang is an ER physician at Sacred Heart with a specialty in Emergency Medical Services. He has an extensive background, is a Spokane native, and loves serving in the community where he grew up.

Dr. Dang said it is an honor to join the District and expressed his thanks to Dr. Metcalf.

C. BoFC Workshop/Capital Replacement Plan Review: The Board will hold a workshop on March 9, 2022 at Station 82, 6:00 pm to review and discuss the Capital Replacement Plan.

D. Policies/Procedures Review: The Policies and Procedures Committee completed their annual review of one-third (63) of the District's procedures. Of those 63 procedures, 31 have suggested changes. Chief Rash presented the Board with the first installment of 15 procedures for their review.

The commissioners had no comments or changes to make to the 15 procedures. Chief Rash will post them for a 30-day review period.

2022-2024 Labor Agreement with IAFF Local 3711 Firefighters Agreement: Chief Rash reported an agreement has been reached on a 2022-2024 labor contract with Local 3711 firefighters. He summarized the article changes and clarifications that were made and asked the Board to review and consider approving of the contract. The Chief said if approved by the Board, the agreement would be retroactive to 01/01/2022.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Boling and seconded by Commissioner Rorie: **Move to approve the 2022-2024 labor agreement with IAFF Local 3711 Firefighters as presented.** The Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE REPORT

A. Station 81 Furnace: The kitchen/day room furnace at Station 81 experienced a catastrophic failure. Chief Rash said after an evaluation of both the cost to repair the 20-year old furnace, and the cost to replace the unit, staff determined replacing it for approximately \$6,000 would be more cost effective.

In addition, The Chief reported water was backing up in the crew quarters showers at Station 82. The problem area was found to be where the main drain pipe in the crew quarters intersects with the main drain to the drain field. Repairs will include removing flooring and concrete in the bay and in the crew quarters bathrooms at a cost of approximately \$5,300.

B. Spokane Valley Technical Fire Science Advisory Board: Chief Rash said he spoke with the SVT Fire Science committee chair and he was excited to hear of Commissioner Rorie's interest in serving as a committee member. The next SVT meeting is

Thursday, February 17, 2:30 pm via Zoom. Commissioner Rorie said he is still interested and willing to serve any time after the 17th.

C. Pierce – Therapy Dog: Since his introduction, Pierce has garnered a significant amount of media attention. Pierce and Chaplain McNally have been featured on all three local new stations, the Spokane Valley Voice and the South Hill Voice. Chief Rash said he has also received several inquiries from fire chiefs throughout the state regarding the therapy dog program.

D. SAFER Grant: Staff has submitted a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant request. If successful, the grant will fund six positions in full for three years with COLA increases in years two and three, and would allow the District to meet the NFPA 1710 threshold and complete the long-term on-duty response staffing plan. Grants will be awarded in August, and if the District is successful, will receive \$2.1 million dollars over three years. Further discussion will take place at the March workshop.

CORRESPONDENCE

Attached

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The March Northwest Leadership Seminar has been cancelled

PUBLIC COMMENTS

IAFF Local 3711 President Blaine Holman expressed his thanks to all for approving the 2022-2024 contract.

Adam Villard also thanked the Board for their approval of the new contract.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A.** BoFC Capital Replacement Plan Review Workshop 03/09/2022, 6:00 pm, Station 82
- B.** Policy & Procedure Review

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:32 pm Commissioner Hesse adjourned the regular meeting.

Lee C. Boling, Chair
Fire District 8 Commissioner

ATTEST:

Carol L. Trescott, District Secretary