

Spokane County Fire Protection District 8

MINUTES

Board of Fire Commissioners Special Meeting

October 19, 2020
4:00 pm

*This meeting was conducted electronically via Zoom
due to Governor Inslee's Stay Home, Stay Healthy order*

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chair Greg Hesse. In Attendance: Commissioner Andy Rorie, Commissioner Lee Boling, Commissioner Greg Hesse, Fire Chief Tony Nielsen, Assistant Fire Chief Lonnie Rash, District Secretary Carol Trescott, Division Chief J. Wilkins, Division Chief Chris Wyrobek, Division Chief Marty Long, and members of the District.

INTRODUCTIONS

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. Fire Chief Position: At the October 13th regular Board of Fire Commissioner meeting, Chief Nielsen announced his intent to retire effective 12/31/2020.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Boling and seconded by Commissioner Rorie: **Move to accept Chief Nielsen's retirement.** The Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hesse said Assistant Chief Lonnie Rash has been highly recommended to be the new Fire Chief and he the Board would like to move forward with Chief Nielsen's recommendation to appoint Assistant Fire Chief Lonnie Rash as his successor.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Rorie and seconded by Commissioner Hesse: **Move to offer the position of Fire Chief of Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 8 to Lonnie Rash.** The Motion carried unanimously.

In accepting the position, Chief Rash said he is excited and humbled to continue the legacy Chief Nielsen has established and he looked forward to preserving the District's family atmosphere.

Chief Rash received congratulations on his appointment. Commissioner Boling noted the Board chooses the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief with a succession plan in mind.

Commissioner Hesse asked Chief Rash to bring his thoughts relative to an employment contract to the next regular Board of Fire Commissioners meeting.

B. Assistant Fire Chief Position: The commissioners asked Chief Rash to begin the process of recruiting an Assistant Fire Chief and return to the Board with his recommendation.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:13 pm Commissioner Hesse adjourned the regular meeting.

Gregory A. Hesse, Chair
Fire District 8 Commissioner

ATTEST:

Carol L. Trescott, District Secretary