

Board of Commissioners Meeting

April 13, 2022

Commissioner Hallanger called a regular Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 5:30pm. The following attended:

Commissioner Cameron (via zoom)	Commissioner Headley (via zoom)
Commissioner Hutcheson	Commissioner Olson
Chief Neves	FA Ballinger
DC Sanders	DC Huff

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to approve the March 9, 2022, board meeting minutes as is. Commissioner Hutcheson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Oath of Office:

One new employee, FF/EMT Clint Smith, cited the Oath of Office that was given by Commissioner Hutcheson. His family pinned his badge on. Congratulations and welcome!

Public Comments:

None

Awards & Recognition:

Four Board members were recognized for their many years of service with the District with a custom laser cut wood plaque. Chief Neves presented each of them with their personalized custom plaque and thanked them for over 100 years of combined supportive and dedicated service to the District.

- Alan Headley: 48 years of service
- Bill Hallanger: 46 years of service
- Jeff Cameron: 19 years of service
- Jon Olson: 16 years of service

Verbal Reports:

911 Public Authority: Commissioner Headley shared that the new Executive Director, John Diamond, started on Monday. This week is Telecommunicator's Week. If you have a chance to stop by the 911 center to thank the dispatchers, feel free to do so. Staffing update was provided as was well the new facility status.

Written Reports:

2021 Stats: Staff presented the 2021 annual call stats. Our turnout and response times have

improved in all areas. The trends were discussed and all questions by the Board were answered by staff. This is usually the time we update the OAP. However, Chief Neves would like to have a Board retreat in late May or early June to discuss priorities and get direction from the Board. Potential dates will be identified and decided soon.

Action Items:

Accept FIIRE Grant (Staff Report 4-1-001): The District received a \$10,842.43 grant from WA State L&I's FIIRE Program to purchase Storm Sticks, which is a DECON device used on fire scenes. The District's portion to pay for this grant is \$2,710.61, with L&I contributing \$8,131.82.

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to accept the FIIRE Grant as outlined above with Chief Neves to sign the agreement. Commissioner Hutcheson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Resolution 830-2022: Accepting Petition: The District received a request to annex property into the Fire District. This resolution is the next step in that process, and also sets a public hearing on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 5:30pm.

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to approve Resolution 830-2022: Accepting Petition as is, to include setting a public hearing on this matter for Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 5:30pm. Commissioner Hutcheson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Cowlitz 911 Support Letters: Cowlitz 911 requested letters of support to some of our state legislators for a federal grant they are pursuing to replace aging microwave relays in hopes of upgrading some radio infrastructure. The letters were addressed to Representative Jamie Herrera-Beutler, Senator Maria Cantwell and Senator Patty Murray.

A motion was made by Commissioner Headley to provide these letters for Cowlitz 911 with Chairperson Cameron signing. Commissioner Hutcheson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Chief's Report:

- Vigil for Deputy DeRosier's passing is tonight at 10:00pm at the Sheriff's Office.
- Met with CCFD#6 & CCFD#5 recently about auto/mutual aid and the need for them to respond when dispatched like we assist them. Will continue to meet to try and resolve.
- Working on the radio upgrade project and will bring back to Board at a future meeting.
- FF/Medic Pervere is at the Regional Fire Academy and seems to be going well.
- Staffing update was provided.
- Training prop project update overview.
- Preparing for this year's wildland season.

Payroll:

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to approve payroll totaling \$271,313.60 for warrant numbers 62643-62651 and EFT's dated March 18, 2022 and \$325,428.93 for warrant numbers 62690-62702 and EFT's dated April 5, 2022. Commissioner Hutcheson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Vouchers:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hutcheson to approve vouchers totaling \$84,267.35 for warrant numbers 62652-62689 dated March 25, 2022 and \$133,497.76 for warrant numbers 62703-62748 dated April 15, 2022. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Announcements:

None

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Hallanger at 6:08pm.

Commissioner

District Secretary