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LWFR COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES February 26, 2019 10:00AM

In Attendance: Chairman Schmitt, Commissioner Gibbs, Chief Lamar, Assistant Chief Walker, Secretary Wiley, Commissioners Payne & Bunney on teleconference call.

In Audience: David Millard, Kelly McDaniels, Michael Stanford, George Hiteshew, David Millard, Mike Aholt, David Stoller, Don Bottoms, Rebecca Olson, Robin Engel

- I. Call to Order. Chairman Schmitt called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Approval of Agenda. Commissioner Payne moved to approve the agenda, motion carried.
- IV. Public Input. Chairman Schmitt read a statement regarding audience participation - Although the board must meet in an open public meeting, the meeting remains a meeting of the board. The public has a right to attend and listen but has no right to participate or interrupt. Most boards will include a public comment session as part of a regular meeting, but the law does not require this. At Lake Wenatchee Fire & Rescue in the spirit of open meetings and listening to the public, we have started every meeting asking if any of the public would like to make a statement. We plan to continue this policy. We are no longer taking comments on the allegations made by Mr. Aholt on the ethics in regard to our investigations and conclusions concerning the NIMBY signs and associated remarks made by members of our department.
- V. Chairman Schmitt also stated that Mr. Aholt's February letters on the same subject were reviewed by the Commissioners and none of them agreed with his viewpoint. The Commissioners consider the matter closed and no more comments will be heard.

Robin Engel referred to the UW study regarding projected growth in WA state. He wondered how at 250 calls per year - 1.8 calls on average per day currently vs 2.1 calls a day in 2040 would warrant a 7 acre parcel to build a new fire station. He alleged that the study was commissioned by LWFR.

- VI. Consent Agenda - All matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been distributed to each member of Lake Wenatchee Fire & Rescue's Board of Commissioners for reading and study. They are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Commissioners with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda by request.
 - Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 8, 2018
 - Approval of Monthly Vouchers

- AP January 3: \$5,849.13
- AP January 15: \$17,947.04
- AP January 29: \$3,753.27
- Payroll February 5th: \$27,724.25
- Finance Reports: Budget Position & Monthly Position

Commissioner Bunney moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, motion carried.

VII. Department Reports—

a. Chief's Report.

LWFR was awarded a DOE grant for a 50K chipper for fuel reduction around properties and to keep burning to a minimum. Fire Districts 3 & 6 will also be able to use it with proper training. A 350 pickup will be needed to haul chipper.

10 new radios will be ordered, DNR has committed to fund 50% and Rivercom Tier 2 will fund 50%.

LWFAC committed 12K for 2 seasonal Fire Fighters for summer help for on ground, home fire assessment and the chipping program, May - September. Commissioners have considered the request of 20K to fund summer positions, Commissioner Gibbs moved to approve the funding, Commissioner Bunney seconded, motion carries. Chief Lamar will have a job description at next Commissioners meeting.

- b. Maintenance Report - Cascade Medical Center vehicle maintenance is complete, small fire vehicle maintenance is complete. Large fire trucks still need to be done. E-92 undergoing serious repairs, waiting for parts to complete repair. LWFR has a 1996 GMC Yukon that has multiple engine problems that should be surplus. It won't have much value to it. Commissioners gave verbal ok to surplus.
- c. Administration Report - Kim sent out 2019 W-2 forms, Chief Lamar wanted to know how many have been sent back.
- d. Training Report - CCSO has started a snowmobile training class, last week was classroom and a on snow training will be held in the near future. Jim Passage has donated a snowmobile trailer to LWFR. Active shooter, specifically bleeding control class in March, opioid training in the next couple of months. CPR classes for the public in March.
- e. Strategic Plan Report - Dennis Broughton has been invited to next Commissioners meeting to update status.

VIII. Unfinished Business -

Electrical upgrade - LED Upgrade complete. Waiting for invoices from Schmitt Electric.
Generator project -

IX. New Business - NA

X. Announcements N/A

XI. Executive Session. N/A

XII. Conclude. Chairman Schmitten concluded the meeting at 10:52 AM.

Attest:

Kim Wiley
District Secretary