

**Whatcom County Fire District No. 11
Board of Fire Commissioners
3809 Legoe Bay Road, Lummi Island, WA. 98262
January 11th, 2022**

*****Commissioner Wendell Terry subbed as Chairman*****

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Wendell Terry at 3809 Legoe Bay Road, Lummi Island, WA 98262 called the Regular Meeting for January 11th, 2022 to order at 7:00 p.m.

*****Meeting took place over Zoom due to the covid-19 pandemic*****

PRESENT: In attendance were Commissioner Bill Lee, Commissioner Dan Ohms, Commissioner Wendell Terry, Chief Michael Lish, and Board Secretary Lisa Lish.

GUEST: Chris Immer, Leslie Dempsey, and MJ.

Election of New Chairman:

Motion: Commissioner Bill Lee made motion, “to nominate Commissioner Wendell Terry as Chairman for 2022, to start at February’s regular board meeting.” Seconded by Commissioner Dan Ohms, AND PASSED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes for the Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting on December 14th, 2021 were approved as submitted by Chairman Wendell Terry.

CHIEF’S REPORT: Chief Michael Lish gave the Chief’s report. Snow chains ordered last year for the new engine will arrive this month due to supply issues and will be paid in 2022 even though they were budgeted in 2021. As covid-19 continues to rise with variants Chief Michael Lish asked the board to amend the 2022 infectious disease budget line with an increase of \$1,600 for reusable N95 masks for the volunteers to wear at the station, while on calls, and when conducting any district business.

Motion: Commissioner Wendell Terry made motion, “To approve the \$1,600.00 increase to the infectious disease line item for reusable N95 masks.” Motion seconded by Commissioner Dan Ohms, AND PASSED 3-0.

PAYROLL:

Motion: Commissioner Bill Lee made motion, "To approve the payroll for January 2022 (Hourly employees, Stipend and Battalion Shifts for December 2021; and current month January 2022 for Contracted Employees) in the amount of \$12,988.49." Seconded by Commissioner Dan Ohms, AND PASSED 3-0.

BLANKET VOUCHERS:

The Board of Commissioners, at 3809 Legoe Bay Road, Lummi Island, WA 98262, reviewed the regular Blanket vouchers approval documents for January 2022 Expenses for approval of payments, on January 11th, 2022 and approved. "Vouchers audited and certified by RCW 42.24.080, and those expenses, reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been made available to the Board."

Motion: Commissioner Dan Ohms made motion, "To approve the vouchers for January 2022 vouchers #220101001-220101013, and approve for payment those vouchers included in the list in the amount of \$7,019.69" Motion seconded by Commissioner Bill Lee, AND PASSED 3-0.

FINANCIAL/SECRETARY REPORTS: November 2022 report given by Secretary Lisa Lish.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: General discussion took place in regards to the District's policy. Commissioner Ohms and Chief Lish worked on policy 319 (Carrying Weapons On-Duty), 321 (Adult Abuse), and 1026 (Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace) together and resubmitted for approval.

Motion: Commissioner Wendell Terry made motion, "To approve the updates to policies 319, 321, 1026." Seconded by Commissioner Dan Ohms, AND PASSED 3-0.

On request of community member Tom Philpot, Nathan from Outer Island Expedition reached out to Secretary Lisa Lish in regards to taxiing patients when the Whatcom Chief is out of service. There is currently a public committee working to bring a public dock to the island. Secretary Lisa Lish explained that the district is still in the early planning stages of what their operational needs are. Nathan stated that he was not here to sell himself, he is very busy, just wanted us to know that his service was available. Commissioner Bill Lee updated the board that he would like to meet with Chris Immer for clarification before writing a draft letter to the County.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: None.


SIGNING OF THE DOCUMENTS:

Motion: There being no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Bill Lee moved and Commissioner Dan Ohms seconded, to adjourn the meeting, AND PASSED 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.


Board Secretary Lisa Lish


Commissioner Dan Ohms


Commissioner Bill Lee


Commissioner Wendell Terry

Approved at the Whatcom County Fire District # 11 Board of Commissioner Meeting on February 8th, 2022.