## Whatcom County Fire District No. 11 Board of Fire Commissioners 3809 Legoe Bay Road, Lummi Island, WA. 98262 May 22nd, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Bill Lee at 3809 Legoe Bay Road, Lummi Island, WA 98262 called the Special Meeting for May 22nd, 2021 to order, at 10:00 a.m.

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

**PRESENT:** In attendance were Commissioner Bill Lee, Commissioner Wendell Terry, Commissioner Steve Kopanos, and Board Secretary Lisa Lish.

**GUEST:** Asst Chief Michael Lish, Cara Blake, Rhayma Blake.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Chairman Bill Lee asked for a motion to enter into executive session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g).

<u>Motion</u>: Commissioner Wendell Terry made motion, "To enter into executive session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)." Motion seconded by Commissioner Steve Kopanos, AND PASSED 3-0.

## **Executive session:**

At 10:01 a.m. the Board of Commissioners went into executive session Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). It was announced to the public that the executive session would last 10 minutes returning at 10:11 a.m.

At 10:11 a.m. Secretary Lisa Lish informed the public that the Board would remain in executive session for 5 additional minutes returning at 10:16 a.m.

## Separate Agreement:

<u>Motion</u>: Commissioner Wendell Terry made motion, "To authorize Chairperson Bill Lee to sign the separation agreement between the District and Chief Duncan McLane." Motion seconded by Commissioner Steve Kopanos, AND PASSED 3-0.

Appointment of Acting Chief, effective June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021:

<u>Motion</u>: Commissioner Steve Kopanos made motion, "To appoint Asst Chief Michael Lish as acting Chief, effective June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021." Motion seconded by Commissioner Wendell Terry, AND PASSED 3-0.

Authorize a search for next Chief:

<u>Motion</u>: Commissioner Steve Kopanos made motion, "To authorize the Board to take necessary steps to begin the search for the next Chief." Motion seconded by Commissioner Wendell Terry, AND PASSED 3-0.

Asst Chief Michael Lish gave an update on Battalion shift openings from the Chief's leave of absences, resulting in about 80 uncovered shifts. Opening these shifts to all Battalions would have a budget impact of approximately \$4,400.00.

<u>Motion</u>: Commissioner Wendell Terry made motion, "To open up the additional 80 Battalion shifts resulting in a budget impact of approximately \$4,400.00." Motion seconded by Commissioner Steve Kopanos, AND PASSED 3-0.

<u>Motion</u>: There being no other business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Wendell Terry moved and Commissioner Steve Kopanos seconded, to adjourn the meeting, AND PASSED 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Lisa Lish,

**Board Secretary** 

Commissioner Bill Lee

Commissioner Steve Kopanos

Commissioner Wendell Terry

Approved at the Whatcom County Fire District # 11 Board of Commissioner Meeting on June 8th, 2021.