

Whatcom County Fire District No. 11
Board of Fire Commissioners
3809 Legoe Bay Road, Lummi Island, WA. 98262
January 9th, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Wendell Terry at 3809 Legoe Bay Road, Lummi Island, WA 98262 called the Regular Meeting for January 9th, 2024 to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

GUEST: Asst Chief John Granger, Firefighter Rep Lt. Chris Immer, and John Blair (zoom).

Oath of Office: Newly elected Commissioner Joan Moye was sworn into office for Commissioner Position 2, a six-year term.

Election of New Chairman:

Motion: Commissioner Bill Lee made motion, “to nominate Commissioner Dan Ohms as Chairman for 2024, to start at February’s regular board meeting.”
Seconded by Commissioner Joan Moye, AND PASSED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: John Blair congratulated Joan Moye on becoming a Commissioner. Chief Lish also congratulated Commissioner Moye and thanked Bob Auld for running as well. The board also congratulated Commissioner Moye and thanked Bob Auld.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes for the Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting on December 12th, 2023 were approved as submitted by Chairman Dan Ohms. Minutes for the Special Board of Commissioners Meeting on December 28th, 2023 were approved as submitted by Chairman Dan Ohms.

CHIEF’S REPORT: Chief Michael Lish gave the Chief’s report.

PAYROLL:

Motion: Commissioner Bill Lee made motion, “To approve the payroll for January 2024 (Hourly employees, Stipend and Battalion Shifts for December 2023; and current month January 2024 for Contracted Employees) in the amount of \$17,213.25.”
Seconded by Commissioner Joan Moye, 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 2024 Expenses for approval of payments, on January 9th, 2024 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 Bill Lee made motion, “To approve the vouchers for January 2024 vouchers #240101001-240101016, and approve for payment those vouchers included in the list in the amount of \$13,748.50” Motion seconded by Commissioner Joan Moye, AND PASSED 3-0.

FINANCIAL/SECRETARY REPORTS: November 2023 report given by Secretary Lisa Lish.

COMMUNICATIONS: The district received a copy of the Hilltop Water Owners Association annual January 2024 newsletter. No action was required or taken by the board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Three last minute items were brought forward as new business.

Commissioner Ohms asked the board to support his request in directing Chief Lish to investigate the cost and billing potential in the district transporting its BLS patients to St Joesphs Hospital. Discussion was had and the board agreed and asked the Chief to look into this by June or earlier.

Commissioner Ohms would like to look into commissioner uniforms or clothing, along with badges to be purchased by Commissioners personally. The board agreed for Commissioner Ohms to investigate.

Chief Lish asked for discussion in regards to moving the Commissioners regular meeting to earlier in the day, during business hours. Discussion followed and John Blair was asked if a change affected his participation and he stated earlier was better for him. Commissioner Ohms stated that a meeting during work hours does not work for his schedule. No action was taken by the board.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2024-276 Authorizing Commissioners to Serve as Volunteer Firefighters

Motion: Commissioner Bill Lee made motion, “To approve Resolution 2024-276 regarding Authorizing Commissioners to Serve as Volunteers.” Motion seconded by Commissioner Joan Moye AND PASSED 3-0.

Resolution 2024-277 Standard Mileage Rate. The Internal Revenue Service for business related travel is set at 67 cent per mile.

Motion: Commissioner Joan Moye made motion, “To approve Resolution 2024-277 setting the District standard business travel mileage at 67 cent per mile.” Motion seconded by Commissioner Bill Lee, AND PASSED 3-0.

Resolution 2024-278 US Bank Card Payments

Motion: Commissioner Joan Moye made motion, "To approve Resolution 2024-278 regarding the US Bank Credit Card Payments." Motion seconded by Commissioner Bill Lee, AND PASSED 3-0.

GOOD OF THE ORDER/ANNOUCEMENTS: Commissioner Ohms announced that he had a new granddaughter.

SIGNING OF THE DOCUMENTS:

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

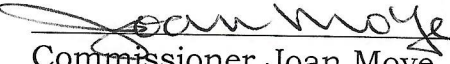
The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Board Secretary Lisa Lish



Commissioner Bill Lee



Commissioner Joan Moye



Commissioner Dan Ohms

Approved at the Whatcom County Fire District # 11 Board of Commissioner Meeting on February 13th, 2024.