

Whatcom County Fire District No. 11
Board of Fire Commissioners
3809 Legoe Bay Road, Lummi Island, WA. 98262
December 10th, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Dan Ohms at 3809 Legoe Bay Road, Lummi Island, WA 98262 called the Regular Meeting for November 12th, 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: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes for the Public Hearing for the 2025 Budget on November 12th, 2024 were approved as submitted by Chairman Dan Ohms.

Minutes for the Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting on November 10th, 2024 were approved as submitted by Chairman Dan Ohms.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Michael Lish welcomed new members Sandy Earle and John Blair to the department.

Chief Lish updated the board on the promotion of a new Battalion Officer. Chief Lish thanked Nick Kluge for his time and congratulated him on becoming the newest Battalion Officer for the District. Chief Lish expects Nicks probationary shadow shifts to begin in about July of 2025.

Chief Lish reported that the 90 minute onsite visit by MCP, the company hired by Whatcom County to conduct the consolidation study, was completed. Commissioner Lee, Chief Lish and District Secretary Lish, all reported that the meeting felt positive and most of the discussion was educating the company on the District and its logistics.

Commissioner Lee and Commissioner Ohms received an email to their personal emails from Scott Josiah in regards to the Biden-Harris Administration Wildfire Response Grant. Chief Lish reported that he had received notification of the grant from his local DNR (WA Department of Natural Resources) contact. The funding is to be used for the purchase of slip-on tanker units. The Districts current utility truck is 18 years old and may not be reliable to carry the weight of the slip-on tanker and the water weight. The District would also need a forklift to load and unload the slip-on tanker, the district

does not own a forklift. Commissioner Lee had forwarded Mr. Josiah's email to Chief Lish and Chief Lish responded to Mr. Josiah.

PAYROLL:

Motion: Commissioner Joan Moye made motion, "To approve the payroll for December 2024 (Hourly employees, Stipend and Battalion Shifts for November 2024; and current month December 2024 for Contracted Employees) in the amount of \$17,069.00." Seconded by Commissioner Bill Lee, 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 December 2024 Expenses for approval of payments, on December 10th, 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 December 2024 vouchers #241201001-241201016, and approve for payment those vouchers included in the list in the amount of \$8,139.75" Motion seconded by Commissioner Joan Moye, AND PASSED 3-0.

FINANCIAL/SECRETARY REPORTS: October 2024 report given.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Ohms asked the board for discussion on the order of items listed under new business. His concern is that there is not enough time to conduct the annual evaluations of the District's Fire Chief and Secretary, and approve the 2025 budget. Discussion followed and the board agreed to postpone the annual reviews of the Chief and Secretary until January 2025. The Board also discussed updating the current evaluation forms in the future, no action was taken at this time.

2025 Budget

Motion: Commissioner Bill Lee made motion, "To approve the 2025 Budget as presented." Motion seconded by Commissioner Joan Moye, AND PASSED 3-0.

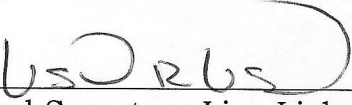
RESOLUTIONS: None.

GOOD OF THE ORDER/ANNOUCEMENTS: None.

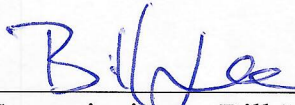
SIGNING OF THE DOCUMENTS:

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

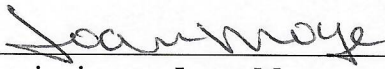
The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 p.m.



Board Secretary Lisa Lish



Commissioner Bill Lee



Commissioner Joan Moya



Commissioner Dan Ohms

Approved at the Whatcom County Fire District # 11 Board of Commissioner Meeting on January 14th, 2025.