

Whatcom County Fire District No. 11
Board of Fire Commissioners
3809 Legoe Bay Road, Lummi Island, WA. 98262
January 14th, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Dan Ohms at 3809 Legoe Bay Road, Lummi Island, WA 98262 called the Regular Meeting for January 14th, 2025 to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

GUEST: None.

Election of New Chairperson:

Motion: Commissioner Joan Moye made motion, "to nominate Commissioner Bill Lee as Chairperson for 2025, to start at February's regular board meeting." Seconded by Commissioner Bill Lee, AND PASSED 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes for the Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting on December 10th, 2024 were approved as submitted by Chairperson Dan Ohms.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Michael Lish thanked Capt Poole and Lt Immer for their time and hard work at the storage/training facility across the street from the main station. Chief Lish reported that the manufacturer estimated that Battalion38 and Admin/Chief38 will be completed May 17th 2025. Firehouse Subs grant is in process. Chief also reported that he has been working on updating the district's contact information to start applying for FEMA grants again in 2025.

PAYROLL:

Motion: Commissioner Bill Lee made motion, "To approve the payroll for January 2025 (Hourly employees, Stipend and Battalion Shifts for December 2024; and current month January 2025 for Contracted Employees) in the amount of \$17,889.40." 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 2025 Expenses for approval of payments, on January 14th, 2025 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 Joan Moye made motion, "To approve the vouchers for January 2025 vouchers #2501010010-0250101015, and approve for payment

those vouchers included in the list in the amount of \$40,959.66” Motion seconded by Commissioner Bill Lee, AND PASSED 3-0.

FINANCIAL/SECRETARY REPORTS: November 2024 report given by Secretary Lisa Lish.

COMMUNICATIONS: The district received a copy of the Hilltop Water Owners Association annual January 2025 newsletter. Commissioner Joan Moye offered to attend the Annual General Meeting, discussion followed and the Board agreed for Commissioner Moye to attend.

Community/taxpayer Wynne Lee sent an email to the Board of Commissioners and the Administrative Staff asking to fact check an article she intends to write and post on the local NextDoor Lummi Island site. She would like to bring awareness of the District’s positive fiscal responsibility and its transparency to the Community. The Board asked Chief Lish to follow up with Mrs Lee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Chairperson Dan Ohms asked for a motion to enter into executive session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to hold its annual performance review of a public employee (Fire Chief).

Motion: Commissioner Joan Moye made motion, “To enter into executive session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g).” Motion seconded by Commissioner Bill Lee, AND PASSED 3-0.

Executive session:

At 7:43 p.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 27 minutes returning at 8:10 p.m.

At 8:10 a.m. Chairperson Dan Ohms informed the public that the Board would remain in executive session for 10 additional minutes returning at 8:20 p.m.

At 8:20 p.m. Chairperson Dan Ohms informed the public that the Board would remain in executive session for 25 additional minutes returning at 8:45 p.m.

At 8:45 p.m. the Board of Commissioner returned to their regular meeting. No motions were made or formal actions taken during the executive session. No discussion or action was taken upon returning to regular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2025-283 Standard Mileage Rate. The Internal Revenue Service for business related travel is set at 70 cent per mile.

Motion: Commissioner Bill Lee made motion, “To approve Resolution 2025-283 setting the District’s standard business travel mileage at 70 cent per mile.” Motion seconded by Commissioner Joan Moye, AND PASSED 3-0.

Resolution 2025-284 US Bank Card Payments


Motion: Commissioner Bill Lee made motion, "To approve Resolution 2025 - 284 regarding the US Bank Credit Card Payments." Motion seconded by Commissioner Joan Moye, AND PASSED 3-0.

GOOD OF THE ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

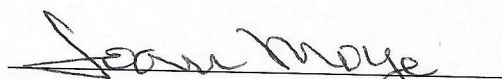
SIGNING OF THE DOCUMENTS:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 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 11th, 2025.