



Draft Business Meeting Minutes, June 10, 2020

BVFF Committee: Molly, Chief Andrews and Karen (recorder) were present. Carsen Smith was not in attendance.

There were no BVFF charges to approve.

The meeting was called to order at 19:04 on video conference using Zoom app, with a link posted for public access. Present were Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs, Vice Commissioner Chair Pat Sample, and Commissioners Michelle Adie, Molly Olson, Doug Rupp and Leigh Christianson. Also present were Chief Eric Andrews, Assistant Chief Ernie Walters, Division Chief Jarrod Spence, Captain Brandon Vargas and Secretary Karen McPeters (recorder).

Public Commentary: No public

EXECUTIVE

Commissioner Tubbs is working on setting up joint commissioners meeting with the District 5 board.

Personnel have been trained on new rules for working at fire mobilizations. There is a lot of this that is not tested and the rules are subject to change.

We responded with a strike team to Seattle during the first night of the riots. Two strike teams from Snohomish County responded to a staging point in South Seattle. They were released shortly after arrival as the fires were contained by Seattle Fire Dept. Thank you to Scott Coulson, Rob Thurston, Jarrod and Ernie and many others of our crew that have spent several hours on the IMT command trailer. I am confident this will pay for itself quickly and adds a great resource to our department.

The new Explorer finally arrived and is currently being placed in service.

A letter was sent to Randy Fay, the current president of the Sno. Isle Commissioners'

Association asking them to adopt a position asking the State Fire Commissioners to support a bill that will include volunteer firefighters in presumptive disease. As soon as the group can meet together this will be on the agenda.

We did receive word that our public assistance grant for response to Covid 19 was approved.

Currently this will pay 75% of our costs to respond to this pandemic

OPERATIONS

Bids are being solicited for remodeling projects at stations 53 and 54.

We should be getting a demo drone this week to evaluate. Capt. Thurston has purchased four (4) aviation radios for us to comply with the nighttime (approved) and the line of sight (pending) waivers. It is anticipated that we will have our drone program up and running by the end of July. AC Walters has submitted our Covid-19 PPE AFG grant in the amount of \$24,579.58, we should be hearing in the next few months on whether or not we will be awarded the grant. The grant would pay for all PPE/Equipment costs that we have incurred from the Covid-19 pandemic starting in March of this year and would provide monies for future PPE/Equipment costs for the

remainder of this year.

Captain Vargas has purchased the rest of the licenses that were required to complete the apparatus portion of Operative IQ. With the licenses for all the apparatus, we will be able to have inventory on all apparatus and be able to do daily, weekly and monthly checks on the tablets. We will also be able to track maintenance and service tickets better. The residents are helping Captain Vargas with the inventory of all equipment on the trucks.

Captain Vargas has set up an account for the district with the Public Surplus website to help us maximize the return on any surplus items that we put on there. We have sold one item so far for \$350. (Ferno Stretcher) we are currently adding more items that are on the surplus list that has been approved by the Commissioners.

SUPPORT SERVICES / TRAINING

A grant for a recruitment and retention officer was submitted for the department through FEMA together with a digital reader board. This is in conjunction with District 50 and after talking with Chief Knisley he and I are both excited for the opportunity this would bring to the two departments, and together whether successful or not, we are talking further regarding other joint grants in the future.

Spence meeting with the county on Tuesday regarding posting the training property conditional use in the Herald. Preliminary documents look to be in order. Signs have been posted as required.

The command trailer is almost completed. Capt. Coulson has been working hard to have this all coordinated in time for wildland season which has already started.

The annual community chipper day planned by Capt Coulson and in conjunction with DEM is planned for June 27th 1000 – 1400

The ESTA fire academy is accepting applications and we are at 13 students so far since posting on the 1st.

EMS

We continue to work with all departments in the procedures used with COVID.

Still getting by on several drugs that are in short supply. We are able to get small quantities like 5 doses etc... to keep up with our small demand.

We are seeing less transports than previous years and revenue shows we are down about \$30,000 currently.

Secretary's Report

The Systems Design report and run totals are available for review.

Budget

Currently at 48%

Minutes: Molly moved to approve the May minutes. With a second from Pat, the motion passed unanimously.

Vouchers: Bill moved to approve vouchers 255 through 295 for \$113,263.08. With a second from Leigh, the motion passed unanimously.

Bill moved to approve voucher 1 from the apparatus fund for \$54,532.79. With a second from Pat, the motion passed unanimously.

Bill moved to approve voucher 3 from the construction fund for \$7,919.75. With a second from

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Michelle, the motion passed unanimously.

Payroll: Bill moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$85,918.33. With a second from Pat, the motion passed unanimously.

Action Items

Levy Options-

A. Let current M & O levy expire of \$125,000 annual revenue

B. Run new M & O levy for two or four years

C. Run Levy lid lift of Fire or EMS levy, or both

Voters approved \$300,000 last year but the levy was invalidated.

Leigh moved to run the levy lid lift on the fire levy only. With a second from Molly, the final vote was 4 yea, 2 nay. The motion was approved and documents for the ballot measure will be presented at the July meeting for submission in August for the November ballot.

Next meeting July 8 at station 53, unless required to video conference again.

Adjournment 8:12

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