

# Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One

#### **COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES**

September 11, 2018

Chairman Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., then led all present outside to the 9/11 Memorial.

Present: Commissioners Nelson, Sutich, Duncan, Entze and Wilsie, Chief Burgess, A/Chiefs E. Watson, S. Nixon and D. Bjurstrom, D/C E. Waters, B/C P. Kauppila, LT J. Johnson, D. Togstad and T. VanderVaate.

## 9/11 MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chief Burgess led a brief discussion regarding 9/11 and requested a moment of silence.

#### **FLAG SALUTE**

Chief Burgess led the flag salute, after which everyone reconvened inside.

## 9/11 MEMORIAL RECOGNITION

Commissioner Sutich presented Dale Togstad with an appreciation award from the Board of Fire Commissioners for his efforts in seeing the 9/11 Memorial project to completion.

## APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioners Duncan and Entze moved and seconded a motion to approve the agenda as revised. With no further discussion, the MOTION CARRIED.

## **COMMISSIONER ABSENCE**

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Thank you letter from West Pierce Fire & Rescue re Ketron Island assistance. Copy of letter included in Board packets.

## MINUTES AND BLANKET VOUCHERS

Commissioners Sutich and Wilsie moved and seconded approval of the minutes from the August 28, 2018 Commissioner Meeting. With no further discussion, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

Commissioners Entze and Sutich moved and seconded a motion to approve Blanket Vouchers 181280-181316 in the amount of \$236,054.51 and Payroll Vouchers 181257-181279 in the amount of \$1,496,734.25 for a total consideration of \$1,732.788.76. With no further discussion, the MOTION CARRIED.

**Board of Commissioners** 

#### **CHIEFS REPORTS**

Lt. John Johnson presented the district with an encased US Flag that was flown on Engine 55 during Washington Strike Team 2's efforts against the Mendocino Complex Fire in California. FF Wotherspoon made the case for the flag and did an outstanding job, along with making the metal commemoration plate. LT Johnson gave an oral presentation regarding the Strike Team's efforts in California and thanked the District and the Board of Fire Commissioners for sending the team. He indicated it was a tremendous learning experience for some of our members and those learning opportunities will benefit us here in District as well. LT Johnson also shared a video created by Nick Fenton of South Kitsap Fire District.

A/Chief Watson included a logistics update in the Board packets and briefly reviewed some of what was included in that update with the Board.

A/Chief Nixon notified the Board that LT TJ Teeple's assignment to the Training Lieutenant position has created a vacancy on A Shift. Steve Larson has been selected for promotion to fill the vacancy.

A/Chief Nixon advised the Board of a radio issue that arose during a Wildland Strike Team response to a fire in Kent Covington, explaining that King County radio identifiers had not been entered into the system. We have a new vendor for radio programming and repairs who is now working on entering those identifiers into the system. Chief Nixon also noted that a King/Snohomish County task force is working to find a solution to make sure all info is in everyone's systems.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Sutich advised a meeting for the Insurance Committee is scheduled for September 27, 2018.

Chairman Nelson reported the next negotiations meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2018.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

A. 2019 Budget – Update. Chief Burgess advised the Board that revenue information came in from Pierce County and he anticipates the draft 2019 budget will be ready for presentation at the next Board meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Standards of Cover. Chief Nixon gave a Standards of Cover update using a PowerPoint presentation to illustrate the work that has been done and how the District moves forward. It is anticipated the workgroup will bring recommendations to the Board in early 2019. Chief Burgess commented that the Strategic Plan is a key piece to moving forward with the Standards of Cover and bringing in a temporary Assistant Chief will allow Chief Nixon to focus more efforts on this work.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

## SPECIAL INTERESTS/UPCOMING EVENTS

October 24, 2018 – Snure Pre-Conference Laws Update at Yakima Convention Center. October 25-27, 2018 – WFCA Annual Conference at Yakima Convention Center

# **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Nelson adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday September 25, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Attest: District Secretary

Chairman Commissioner

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