

SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 21

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting

Wednesday, March 13th, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.

@ AHIC

Call to Order: Chairman Nordstrom called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Attendees: Chairman Nordstrom, Commissioner Taft, Commissioner Safford, Chief Schmidt, Financial Director Perez, Admin Assistant Linklater, 8 citizens, and 3 members of the crew.

Flag Salute: Led by Financial Director Perez

Dave Boehnlein with Rooted NW Development – Dave provided an update on the Rooted NW Development project located in Arlington Heights. The goal is to preserve farmland. 240 acres, 90% is being preserved for farmland. 70 houses total being built in 2 phases. 2-4 bedroom small square footage Townhomes, some single-family ramblers. 2 Community wells. Along with homes, there will be a common house to share, a common laundry facility, a wash pack, cold storage, a commercial kitchen, and a market.

Public Input: There will be an Easter Egg Hunt @ AHIC, on March 30th at 11:00 a.m. on the baseball field.

Union Input: Kirk Norman spoke to Commissioners stating the Union is putting a lot of work and money toward District 21's General Purpose Levy. If this levy fails he strongly recommends the Commission to hire a professional consultant to run the next levy to better educate the citizens.

Volunteer Input: None.

Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of Minutes from February 7th, 2024, Regular Meeting
- 2) Payroll: February - \$171,684.47
- 3) Claims: \$61,354.25

Commissioner Safford made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 1 through 3. Commissioner Taft seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Financial Report: Financial Director Perez shared that the District received most of the 2023 Wildland money. The District is still waiting for the rest of the money to be paid.

Old Business:

TCA Litigation Update – Chief Schmidt shared the District's Attorney recommends an Offer of Judgment of \$27,000 plus the cost of Attorney. Chief explained to the citizens who attended this meeting how this litigation began. The District sued TCA, they settled for \$330,000 and after coming to that agreement TCA backed out then ended up serving papers to the District. Chief recommended to the Commission to move forward with the offer of judgment recommended by the Attorney.

Chairman Nordstrom made a motion to approve the Offer of Judgement presented by the District Attorney of \$27,000 plus Attorney fees. Commissioner Taft seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ALS Services Update – Chief Schmidt shared that on Sunday, March 10th, 2024 District 21 was served papers from North County Regional Fire Authority for \$545,000 plus interest and Attorney fees for Paramedic Services given in 2022, 2023, till current. District 21 has been told from NCRFA that they will end the ALS Service contract on August 1st, 2024. NCRFA did not take in account the \$29,000 they owe us from 2021. They misrepresented the \$145,000 that District 21 had already paid them. District 21's Attorney is working on a referral for another Attorney to represent D21 in this litigation. Chief Schmidt is continuing to work on the ALS License process.



Levy Update – The Union has worked very hard getting the message out by door knocking, phone banks, and mailers. Ballots will be mailed on April 5th.

Volunteer Policy – Chief Schmidt and Commissioners discussed changes that need to be made to the policy. Changes will be made and will be brought to the April Commissioner meeting for a vote.

New Business:

Oso Slide Memorial 10th Anniversary Event – On March 22nd, 2024 District 21 will lend apparatuses, the ATV, and provide coverage for Oso Fire. Chief Schmidt and the Commissioners will be attending the Memorial.

Chief/Secretary Reports:

- Apparatus Report – New Engine purchased with FEMA Grant is 400 plus days out for delivery.
- Equipment Report – None
- Grants – Working on reapplying for the SAFER Grant, if granted it will be used for staffing. The Training Grant that was previously awarded has been used for training new hires.
- Full-Time Firefighter/EMT Monthly Meeting – The Chief met with the Full-Time Firefighters during their monthly meeting. Chief has been concerned about morale, he was pleased to see their fighting spirit. They have been very supportive. Many Part-Time Firefighters have left for Full-Time job offers. The District has been busy training all the new hires that are being brought on to fill these positions.

Commissioner Reports –

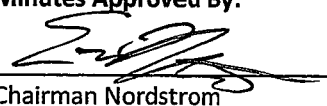
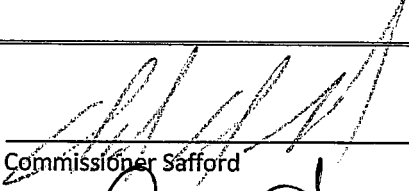
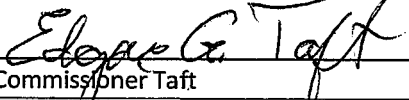
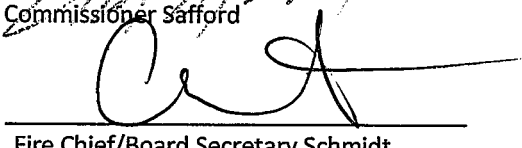
- Commissioner Safford gave recognition to all the District 21 Firefighters/EMTs for their support and dedication.
- Commissioner Taft and Chief Schmidt met with Oso Commissioners. They asked questions regarding ALS services. Chief and Commissioner Taft offered their support.

Executive Session – Not Needed

Announcements:

- The Next Regular Commissioner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 10^h, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at Station 50.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes Approved By:	
 Chairman Nordstrom	 Commissioner Safford
 Commissioner Taft	 Fire Chief/Board Secretary Schmidt