

## **SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 21**

Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting

Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.

@ Station 50

**Call to Order:** Chairman Nordstrom called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

**Attendees:** Chairman Nordstrom, Commissioner Safford, Chief Schmidt, Financial Director Perez, Administrative Assistant Linklater, and 4 citizens. Commissioner Taft was excused for personal reasons.

**Flag Salute:** Led by Chief Schmidt

**Public Input:** AHIC is hosting a Truck or Treat and would like D21 Firefighters to hand out candy like last year.

**Union Input:** None.

**Volunteer Input:** None.

### **Consent Agenda:**

- 1) Approval of Minutes from September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular Meeting
- 2) Payroll: September Total: \$201,704.08
- 3) Claims: Check #'s 4579-4607 Total: \$57,448.45

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

**Financial Report:** Financial Director Perez went over budget amendments. Many D21 Firefighters were deployed on Wildland Fire MOBs this season. An update was given on the FEMA Desk Audit; all are compliant. An amendment was made to the Training Grant to allow the purchase of 5 sets of Bunker Gear. The state Audit kicks off next Tuesday. An introduction meeting with the State Auditor will be held over Zoom at the November Commissioner meeting.

### **Old Business:**

**Washington State All Hazard Mobilization Policy (Wildland Policy)** - The policy is currently in a 30-day review with the Union. We will revisit this policy during the November Commissioner meeting.

**Commissioner Strategic Planning Retreat Date** – The Strategic Planning Retreat/Workshop will be held on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at AHIC before the Regular Monthly Commissioner Meeting.

**ALS Services Update** - Chief Schmidt requested three proposals on the cost of having other Department medics stationed at D21. We have not received anything back yet from Tulalip Fire and South County. We reviewed a copy of North County's proposal that was pulled from their meeting agenda. We will discuss the official proposal at the next meeting. We do have concerns about being able to trust their proposal.

Chief Schmidt has been working on getting our own ALS License. Dr. Keay has concerns about medics' skills staying sharpened with the smaller ALS call volume in our District, they prefer per diem medics. Per Diem, medics would save the District \$350K, this may be a smarter financial decision for now and buy us time to decide what works best for District 21 in the future. Commissioner Safford said he wants to make sure we have an MSO on day 1 of D21 having their own Medics.

**TCA Litigation Update** - Attorneys are going through Emails with IT.

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**New Business:**

Resolution 2024-07 Change Date of October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular Meeting to October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 –

***Chairman Nordstrom made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-07 Change Date of October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular Meeting to October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Commissioner Safford seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.***

Resolution 2024-08 Increase Ambulance Fees – Ambulance fees have not been re-evaluated since 2022. Fees have been increased to match surrounding fire departments. ALS Fees have been added. New ruling to have standardize fees (balance billing). Transport rates must be submitted by October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

***Commissioner Safford made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-08 Increase Ambulance Fees. Chairman Nordstrom seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.***

**Chief/Secretary Reports:**

- Apparatus Report – New Tender Engine on track for delivery at the end of 2025.  
1987 GMC Tender is being donated to the Historical Liberty Homeowners Association in Liberty, Washington. The Tender will be used at their volunteer fire station to help fight wildland fires.  
***Chairman Nordstrom made a motion to approve donating the surplused 1987 GMC Tender to Liberty Homeowners Association in Liberty, Washington. Commissioner Safford seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.***
- Equipment Report – None
- Grants – SAFER Grant was awarded to District 21. This will allow D21 to hire 4 Full-Time Firefighters, the salaries will be 100% covered for 3 years with this Grant. The intention will be to keep them after the three years is up.
- ***Commissioner Safford made a motion to approve the acceptance of the SAFER Grant Award Monies which will cover 100% of salaries for four Firefighter for Three years with intentions to keep them after the three years. Chairman Nordstrom seconded; Motion carried by unanimous vote.***

**Commissioner Reports** – Lon Langdon's Celebration of Life will be on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Commissioner Safford attended the Risk Management Meeting in Wenatchee. They offer a lot of classes and trainings. Member Wellness for PTSD now requires Volunteer Firefighters to document anything that could potentially cause PTSD. Will ask our Peer Support Rep how this process works. Commissioner Safford would like D21 Safety Committee to be active again.


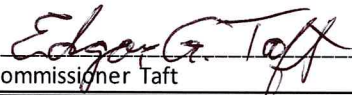
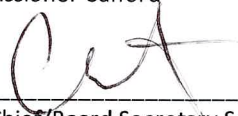
**Announcements:**

- The Next Regular Commissioner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 13th, 2024 @ AHIC
- D21 Employee and Family appreciation/Salmon Feed hosted by Shawn Yanity will be on October 15<sup>th</sup> @ AHIC.

**Executive Session** – Per RCW 42.30.01 10(d) For Contract Negotiations. The Board recessed at 8:45 p.m. and went into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations per RCW 42.30.01 10(d). It was expected to last until 9:00 p.m. At 9:00 p.m. the Board emerged from Executive Session with no action taken and returned to their Regular Meeting.



**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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