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MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2021 REGULAR BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

The regular meeting of the Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 27 Board of Fire Commissioners was held for Anderson Island Fire/Rescue, based at 12207 Lake Josephine Blvd., Anderson Island, Washington, with all attendees joining via remote attendance technology in compliance with the extension of the Washington Governor's Proclamation and in response to COVID-19 business restrictions. Commissioner Dale Porterfield called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Commissioner David Albertson, Chief Jim Bixler, and Administrative Assistant (A/A) Ramona Wheeler attended the meeting. Also in attendance: Capt. Jeff Hayes and Chuck Horjes. Excused: Assistant Chief (A/C) Jay Wiggins and Commissioner Colleen Adler.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 5, 2021, Regular Board Meeting were presented. Commissioner Albertson made a motion to accept the minutes. Commissioner Porterfield seconded the motion. Motion passed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS & BOARDS

SECRETARY'S REPORT

No correspondence.

REVIEW OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #2021-42 Payroll & Expense Vouchers in the amount of \$18,692.66 was available for review and discussion. After review and discussion, Commissioner Albertson made a motion to approve. Commissioner Porterfield seconded. Motion passed.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Flu Shot Clinic: Chief Bixler shared that Saturday was our flu shot clinic, which was open to the public. We brought in a new provider, Angela Ho with Genoa Healthcare who came highly recommended by the Washington State Department of Health. 100 shots were provided and 89 were given in total.

Chili Cookoff: Chief shared that we hosted a chili cookoff on Saturday October 16 at the station. All were declared winners. Next year an invitation will be extended to the commissioners as well.

Religious Exemptions: Chief reported that the District currently has 4-5 vaccine exemptions on file. Those with exemptions will be required to check in at a prepared COVID station which includes a temperature record, sanitization materials and sign-in log. They will also be required to wear masks while on calls. As of this date, we have not been contacted to provide any information regarding the District's vaccination status.

AI School Field Trip: Chief shared that we had 30 children from Anderson Island Elementary at the station today for a field trip. The trip was tied to the National Fire Prevention Association's Fire Prevention Month.

South Sound 911: Chief reported that South Sound 911 was down yesterday morning for an extended period. The station received one direct call from someone who could not get an answer from 911 Dispatch. Our team responded quickly and were ready to go. Chief called Airlift NW directly and they dispatched 11 minutes out.

Siren/Light Failure: Chief reported that the siren and lights in his truck failed and a new one was ordered. The day after shipping notification was received, the current setup returned to working order.

Halloween Drive-Thru: Chief shared that the station will repeat last year's successful drive-thru Halloween trick-or-treat, which will take place on the night of October 31.

Underground Storage Tank: Commissioner Porterfield inquired if a decision had been reached about a potential underground gas storage tank for the station. Chief Bixler responded that it is not a dead issue and evaluations will resume when A/C Wiggins returns from vacation.

TRAINING OFFICER REPORT

Chief Bixler provided an update on District personnel training. Currently, regular classroom sessions are taking place. A live burn is scheduled for next month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Capital Building Project: Chief presented an update on the capital building construction. The doors have been placed on the garage and a few electrical pigtails have been installed. The sink and countertop are still awaiting installation. A/C Wiggins has been working with Chuck Horjes on a decision regarding washer and dryer placement.

BLS Patient Transports: Chief Bixler gave an update. He has contacted McNeil as they are in a similar transport situation. They have signed a transport contract with West Pierce Fire for \$100,000 annually. We are still finalizing details on an Uber Health proposal. Bixler spoke with the West Pierce Fire Chief about the possibility of Medical Direction calls for West Pierce paramedics to make transport decisions before we arrive. West Pierce seemed open to the idea. Commissioner Porterfield commented that it seemed like a work-in-progress and Chief Bixler agreed.

Emergency Plan: No report.

Website Redesign: A/A Wheeler shared information provided by A/A Vickstein, on the website redesign. Washington State Fire Chief's Video "Washington State Needs Volunteer Firefighters" has been added and new recruitment poster designs approved for the "Join the Team" Page. Work on the "About" page continues.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Porterfield inquired if there was an agenda for the WFCFA conference. Chief Bixler shared that there is an itinerary on the WFCFA conference website.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

2021 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Nov 2, 2021	3:00 PM
Nov 16, 2021	3:00 PM
Dec 7, 2021	3:00 PM
Dec 21, 2021	3:00 PM

ADJOURN

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Colleen Adler, Commissioner

David Albertson, Commissioner

Dale Porterfield, Commissioner

James R. Bixler, Secretary to the Board