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MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2023 REGULAR BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

The regular meeting of the Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 27 Board of Fire Commissioners was held at 12207 Lake Josephine Blvd., Anderson Island, Washington. Commissioner Albertson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Commissioner David Albertson, Commissioner Gordon S. Babo, Chief James R. Bixler, Assistant Chief (A/C) Jay Wiggins, and Administrative Assistant (A/A) Elizabeth Vickstein attended. Also in attendance: Capt. Arron Reynolds, Capt. Jeff Hayes, Lt. Al Parker and Firefighter Aidan Bibby. Excused: Commissioner Colleen M. Adler.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of May 16, 2023 Regular Board Meeting were presented. Commissioner Babo made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Commissioner Albertson seconded. Motion passed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS & BOARDS

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Chief Bixler was in receipt of an email from Pierce County Elections, requesting a language modification for our levy lid lift filing. This change was approved. The Chief shared that the elections website shows confirmation of the ballot listings for both Fire and EMS levy lid lifts.

REVIEW OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #2023-28 Payroll & Expense vouchers #27230298 – #27230315 in the amount of \$22,419.85 was available for review and discussion. After review and discussion, Commissioner Babo made a motion to approve. Commissioner Albertson seconded. Motion passed.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Pancake Breakfast: May 28 marked another successful pancake breakfast fundraising event. Between the silent auction, raffle and donations, approximately \$20,000.00 in funds were raised for the Anderson Island Firefighters Association.

Call Volume: Call volumes remain high.

TRAINING OFFICER REPORT

A/C Wiggins provided an update on District training. A daytime training session will be held on June 22. There was healthy participation the last time an alternative training time was offered. The EMT course is nearing completion, with the last class taking place at the end of June. During the Washington Fire Chiefs Annual Conference, A/C Wiggins reported that he spoke with representatives from three insurance companies who offered to provide him with quotes on coverage.

Commissioner Albertson shared that he attended a recent drill night where training was focused on vehicle extrication. It reinforced the effort and time volunteers dedicate and the challenges they face so they may be of service to the community. The commissioner requested we pass his appreciation onto our volunteers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Capital Building Project: No update.

Insurance Review: Chief Bixler reported that he completed the renewal forms for our current insurance company, Enduris. Nicholson & Associates Insurance affirmed that a quote would be available before the Board meeting, but it was not received in time for presentation.

Radio Communications: Chief confirmed that a presentation from South Sound 911 will take place at the next Board meeting on June 20. While at the recent Washington Fire Chiefs conference, A/C Wiggins spoke with another local District who is having similar issues with the cost of the current radio system. That District is working on alternative arrangements, though they are not pursuing VHF. Commissioner Albertson requested a copy of their alternative plan if it becomes available. A/C Wiggins discovered that the VHF tower by the Riviera has been fully shut down with no active power supply. The reactivation process is of unknown complexity.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

2023 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Jun 20, 2023	3:00 PM
Jul 3, 2023	3:00 PM ~ Monday
Jul 18, 2023	3:00 PM
Aug 1, 2023	3:00 PM
Aug 15, 2023	3:00 PM
Sep 5, 2023	3:00 PM
Sep 19, 2023	3:00 PM
Oct 3, 2023	3:00 PM
Oct 17, 2023	3:00 PM
Nov 7, 2023	3:00 PM
Nov 21, 2023	3:00 PM
Dec 4, 2023	3:00 PM ~ Monday

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ADJOURN

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Colleen M. Adler, Board Chair

David Albertson, Commissioner

Gordon S. Babo, Commissioner

James R. Bixler, Secretary to the Board

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