

**Board of Fire Commissioners
Spokane County Fire Protection District 10
929 South Garfield Road
Airway Heights WA 99004
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

February 1, 2022

5:00pm

Commissioner Mericle called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Present

Commissioners Scott Mericle, Ken Pegg and Gordon Hester; Chief Ken Johnson; Deputy Chief Orlando Sandoval; Deputy Chief Don Malone; Division Chief Debbie Dodson; Lt Jared Murphy; FF Ben Shoemaker and Administrative Director Peggy Callahan.

Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Mericle added Executive Session to the agenda. Agenda was approved as amended.

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from the January 4 and January 27, 2022, meetings were approved as mailed.

Correspondence –

Financial Report

AP Warrants 13480 – 13498 totaling \$37,988.27 were approved. AP EFT/ACH totaling \$66,293.61 was approved. Payroll Warrants 808215 - 808216 totaling \$1484.60 were approved. PR DD/EFT/ACH totaling \$146,781.08 were approved. December 2021 bank reconciliation was reviewed.

Chief's Report

- 128 calls in January which is a record-breaking month for the department. Last year we had six record breaking months.
- Chief Jason Rudy is the new fire Chief for FAFB.
- Award for Excellence FAFB meeting on 1/18/2022
- Spokane County Public Works is returning comments on the final plan submitted by BNSF for the replacement project. They are also working to acquire the right-of-way needed for the construction of the new bridge. In addition, the agreement between BNSF and Spokane County is still under negotiation.
- COOP Planning- Continuity of Operation Program
- Applied for a safer grant to keep our options open. No match and fully funded for three years.

- We are estimating a district wide response time of under 9-minute average once we get station 2 up to 100% staffed. The current district average is just over 10 minutes but likely to dip under with current strategy.
- Estimated 75% coverage for station 2. The crews are making some more modifications.
- We have onboarded seven people for the spring recruit school.
- The company for first arriving, will be helping build a recruit and retention plan for the department.
- ESCI will be out on February 9th to begin the first steps of our strategic plan.
- Received 30K grant from the Spokane Tribe to go towards putting a bathroom in the Support Bus.
- We will participate in an upcoming Major Accident Response Exercise (MARE) on April 12th prior to the Sky Fest.
- We were asked if I was interested in helping Ecology select grants for the region 8 hr commitment pre year.

Old Business

1. Roundtable Meeting Follow Up – Lt Murphy updated the board on the Training Department activities. Highlights included 2022-1 Recruit Academy starting February 9th; onboarding of recent academy graduates; preparing for wildland season including IQS audit; welcoming new ATO Castilliano.
2. Union Grievance – Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review the performance of a public employee, Commissioner Mericle took the board into executive session. Participants included board members and Chief Johnson. Session started at 5:38pm and will last fifteen minutes.
5:53pm – regular meeting resumed. Commissioner Mericle made a motion to deny the union’s request to dismiss the union member’s written reprimand and to change the reprimand from written to verbal. Seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried.

New Business

1. Resolution 22-01 – AD Callahan presented Resolution 22-01 which allows the district to purchase of food for staff meetings, trainings, and public events. Commissioner Hester made a motion approve the resolution; seconded by Commissioner Pegg. Motion carried.
2. BLM Agreement – Chief Johnson presented a letter from Bureau of Land Management that will serve as an annual review of our agreement with them. Commissioner Hester made a motion to approve Chief Johnson signing the letter; seconded by Commissioner Pegg. Motion carried.
3. City of Spokane Agreement – Chief Johnson brought forward a proposed agreement with the City of Spokane regarding accommodations for unvaccinated individuals and

how it will impact their interactions with the City of Spokane. Chief Johnson will update our accommodation letters for those individuals effected.

4. Stout Auction Agreement – DC Malone presented an agreement for signature between the district and Stout Auction. Stout Auction requires that the agreements be updated annually. Commissioner Hester made a motion to allow Chief Johnson to sign the agreement on the district’s behalf; seconded by Commissioner Pegg. Motion carried.
5. Resolution 22-02 – AD Callahan presented Resolution 22-02 which allows the district to sign a promissory note to borrow funds from Spokane County Investment Pool for the purchase of the chassis for Attack 10-1. Commissioner Hester made a motion to approve the Resolution; seconded by Commissioner Pegg. Motion carried.
6. Surplus List – DC Malone presented a surplus list of extrication tools following the purchase of new e-draulic tools. Commissioner Hester made motion to approve the surplus list; seconded by Commissioner Pegg. Motion carried.

Public Comment – Commissioner Mericle opened the meeting up to public comment.

Adjournment

The next regular meeting will be March 1st, 2022, at 5pm at Station 10-1 and via Zoom.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 6:03pm.

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Scott Mericle, Commissioner
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