

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

April 4, 2023

5:00pm

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

Present

Commissioners Scott Mericle; Gordon Hester and Kevin Haughton (via Zoom); Chief Ken Johnson; Deputy Chief Don Malone, Deputy Chief Nick Henry; Deputy Chief Andres Steevens; and Administrative Director Peggy Callahan.

Approval of the Agenda

Agenda was approved as mailed.

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from March 7, 2023, meeting was approved as mailed.

Financial Report

AP Warrants 13695 – 13709 totaling \$36,755.67 were approved. AP EFT/ACH totaling \$100,993.95 was approved. Payroll Warrants 808236 – 808237 totaling \$239.40 were approved. PR DD/EFT/ACH totaling \$186,260.89 were approved. February 2023 bank reconciliation was reviewed.

Chief's Report

- Call volume 16% ahead of last year.
- Station Water Testing – we are testing all stations for PFOS/PFOA
- West Plains Water Coalition has been established by citizens in the West Plains concerned about the well water and exposure to PFOA/PFOS.
- Spokane County Fire Danger Operational Plan is being drafted.
- ESO is making all ERS users switch over to ESO by the end of the year.
- Final Inspection for A10-1 replacement has been completed. Should be here in the next couple of weeks.
- Hiring process to replace 1 career firefighter position was finished on Tuesday. Chief interviews will be on Thursday.
- Station 10-4 and Station 10-2 will be switching over to Star link in the coming weeks.
- ALERT training for Kalispel Tribe PD will be held at Station 10-1
- 2023-1 Recruit School is coming up on IFSAC Firefighter 1 Testing.
- Public education event set for April 7th at Palisades school including FAFB's smoke trailer.

- We received a grant to partner with DNR and the Busy Bee Landfill to provide a day of free disposal of thinning debris on May 13th from 9 am to 4 pm. The grant funding will pay the disposal fee for those community members who are reducing the wildfire risk on their properties. (To learn more about reducing risk around your home, go to wildfireready.dnr.wa.gov).
- Lots of great training is coming up. D3 is putting on a confined space class, we are working with FAFB to put on an ARFF training, the first one in the area. We will be also offering IFSAC testing with it.
- Fitness Committee lead by firefighter Zeuschel- Working with a fitness specialist from the SEAR program on base.

Old Business

1. Roundtable Meeting Follow Up – Lt Sayers reported on activities of the maintenance department – items included apparatus out of service; tire quotes for aged tires; prepping apparatus for wildland season; storage container on site so maintenance bay can be cleared out; surplus of 2011 Tahoe.
2. Strategic Plan Timeline Update – Chief Johnson updated the board on progress made on strategic plan. Several items have been completed and several are in progress.
3. Kallispel Tribe Agreement Amendment – Chief Johnson presented an amended agreement with Kallispel Tribe to address fee for service issues. Discussion followed. Commissioner Hester made a motion to approve the amended agreement as presented; seconded by Commissioner Haughton. Motion carried.

New Business –

1. Resolution 23-01 Levy Lid Lift – Chief Johnson presented Resolution 23-01 which would place a levy lid lift proposal on the August 2023 general election ballot. The levy would restore taxes on assessed values to \$1.50/\$1000 of assessed value and would allow the district to use Consumer Price Index to determine yearly increase for a six year period. Discussion followed. Commissioner Hester made a motion to approve the resolution as presented; seconded by Commissioner Haughton. Motion carried.
2. ZBA Architect Contract for Services – Chief Johnson presented a contract for services from ZBA Architect to assist the district with remodeling Station 10-5 using ARPA grants funds. Discussion followed. Commissioner Hester made a motion to approve the contract as presented; seconded by Commissioner Haughton. Motion carried.
3. SOP 206.01 Post Incident Decontamination – Deputy Chief Henry presented a new SOP for post incident decontamination. Discussion followed. Commissioner Hester made a motion to approve the SOP as presented; seconded by Commissioner Haughton. Motion carried.

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

Adjournment

The next regular meeting will be May 2, 2023, at 5pm at Station 10-1.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Mericle", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Scott Mericle, Commissioner
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