

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

September 12, 2023

1:00pm

Commissioner Mericle called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

**Present**

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

**Approval of the Agenda**

Agenda was approved as mailed.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Minutes from AUGUST 1, 2023 meeting were approved as mailed.

**Correspondence**

Chief Johnson presented an award to DC Steevens from the Shriners. The Shriners presented the award to DC Steevens along with FF Rillera and FF Turpen at an event earlier in the week. DC Steevens was unable to attend the event.

**Financial Report**

AP Warrants 13780 – 13798 totaling \$53,011.24 were approved. AP EFT/ACH totaling \$139,534.94 was approved. Payroll Warrants 808244 – 808244 totaling \$809.33 were approved. PR DD/EFT/ACH totaling \$220,262.491 were approved. 2ndQ financials were reviewed.

**Chief's Report**

- The operational tempo has been very high for everyone.
- Station 5 remodel (Location).
- Hose testing is underway in district and pump testing is scheduled for next month.
- Security systems upgrades completed.
- 1 Insurance claim for a command rig (Gray Fire)
- The 2021 Fire Codes adoption was delayed a few months.
- Recruit Academy has started with 7 candidates.
- 7 Lateral firefighters joined the department.
- New reporting software
- Contract negotiations
- Several new pre-con meetings- commercial projects.
- The district helped with the Gray Fire and the Oregon Rd fire in various ways.

- Proposition 1 passed with 57.24% (969) to 42.35% (717). There were 6176 registered, voter turnout was at 27.61%.
- Moving Forward with Staffing- Conditional Offers.
- Mental Health clinic being built on tribal property, it will be a community resource.
- Call Volume:

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
January	138	128	102	84	72	85	95	66	66	75	63	65	114	76
February	114	95	51	62	81	93	83	62	51	71	70	70	80	75
March	141	98	92	75	77	90	85	57	51	53	63	61	119	77
April	137	94	96	84	67	72	73	51	62	69	55	61	81	87
May	151	113	112	81	85	82	85	77	94	61	63	75	92	100
June	172	110	126	101	100	71	93	75	110	51	79	62	107	99
July	171	150	160	104	105	116	110	80	128	85	82	78	99	118
August	176	138	112	143	92	97	97	93	103	88	88	81	119	127
September	133	124	133	109	86	103	78	77	76	66	66	67	105	123
October	130	100	106	111	90	121	82	65	92	60	54	76	112	119
November	150	103	90	81	108	87	70	64	103	66	75	67	101	135
December	147	147	124	98	85	107	112	99	92	69	76	89	94	121
	1760	1400	1304	1133	1048	1124	1063	866	1028	814	834	852	1223	1257

Red (Record High)  
Blue (estimated)

### Old Business

1. Roundtable Meeting Follow Up – No Report
2. Strategic Plan Timeline Update – Comprehensive plan will be reviewed at board workshop; bathroom installed scheduled for Support 10-5, Levy Lid lift results as it relates to initiative 1.

New Business – None

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

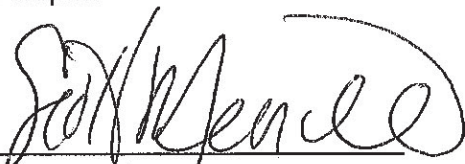
Executive Session - At 13:35pm Commissioner Merical took the board into Executive Session Per RCW 42.30.110(1)g) to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. Attendees include Chief Johnson, DC Malone, AD Callahan and board members (Kevin Haughton via phone). Session will last 20 minutes.

13:55 – regular board meeting resumed.

### Adjournment

The next regular meeting will be October 3 2023, at 1pm at Station 10-1.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 13:56pm.

  
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Scott Mericle, Commissioner  
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