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

April 2, 2024

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

**Present**
Commissioners Kevin Haughton, Scott Mericle and Gordon Hester, Deputy Chief Don Malone; Deputy Chief Andres Steeves; Deputy Chief Nick Henry and Administrative Director Peggy Callahan.

**Approval of the Agenda**
Agenda was approved as mailed.

**Pinning** – Commissioner Hester paused the meeting at 5pm to pin new district lieutenants.
Regular meeting resumed at 5:15pm

**Consent Agenda**
Minutes from March 5, 2024, meeting were approved as mailed.
Approval of Warrants/EFTs/ACHs processed 03/01/2024 through 03/31/2024 were approved.

**Executive Session**
Per RCW 42.30.110(g) To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee and RCW 42.30.110(f) to receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee – Commissioner Hester took the board into Executive session at 5:15pm for twenty minutes. Deputy Chief Malone, DC Steeves and AD Callahan were also present.

5:35pm – Executive session extended five minutes

5:40pm – Regular meeting resumed

**Chief’s Report** –
- Career hiring process has begun – written test April 3rd, Assessment Center April 10th, Chief’s Interviews April 11th
- Lieutenant testing was completed; we will plan a Pinning Ceremony at the next meeting.
  - Cliff Denman promoted to Lieutenant of Support Services.
  - Steve Copeland promoted to Station 3 Lieutenant.
  - McKenna Jimno promoted to Station 2 Lieutenant C Shift.
  - Evan Zeutschel promoted to Station 2 Lieutenant B Shift.
Shaun Pitts promoted to Station 2 Lieutenant A Shift.

- Department of Ecology grant - pending
- Department of Natural Resources grant - pending.
- Purchases were made through DNR Cache with DNR grant funds.
- Spokane Tribe grants funds were used to purchase low pressure hoses
- A committee will be formed to look at replacing Station 10-2.
- Navigating the Flames: Wildfire Risk in Spokane County, April 25th, 2024, 08:30 to 14:00.

**Old Business**

1. Roundtable Meeting Follow Up – Interim Lt Scharff reported on Prevention Activities
   a. 43 smoke detectors have been installed in houses throughout the district. Smoke detectors provided by Red Cross.
   b. CO detectors were also installed upon request
   c. Fire inspections will be conducted April – May
   d. Home safety inspections will be conducted as requested

2. Strategic Plan Timeline Update – no report

**New Business**

1. Resignation of Chief Johnson – Commissioner Hester announced that Chief Johnson has resigned from the district effective 3/29/2024. Deputy Chief Malone will be appointed as interim Chief. Motion made by Commissioner Haughton, seconded by Commissioner Mericle. Motion carried.

2. Surplus List – Deputy Chief Henry presented a list of items the district is wanting to surplus. Commissioner Mericle made a motion to approve the budget as presented; seconded by Commissioner Haughton. Motion carried.

**Public Comment** – Commissioner Hester opened the meeting to public comment.

**Adjournment**

The next regular meeting will be May 7, 2024, at 5pm at Station 10-1.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 5:47pm

Gordon Hester, Commissioner
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