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Board of Fire Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2019

Call to Order

This meeting of the Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue (CWIFR) Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by Chair Steve Hutchinson at 08:45am.

Input from the Public - None.

Commissioners and Staff Present

Board Chair Steve Hutchinson, Commissioner Paul Messner, Commissioner Cheryl Engle, Chief Hartin, and Finance Officer/Board Secretary Kim Harpe

Members of the Public Present - None.

Consensus Approval of the Agenda

New Business.

Commissioner Cheryl Engle made a motion and Commissioner Paul Messner seconded to approve the Purchase of Four Shoxs Marine Seats in the amount of \$24,642.94.

Action: Approved Unanimously.

Old Business. None.

Good of the Order/Announcements

Jun 1, 2019	WFCA Saturday Seminar @ Campbell's Resort @ Lake Chelan (Commissioner Messner)
Sept 5, 2019	Host Sno-Isle Meeting
Oct 23-26, 2019	Annual WFCA Conference, Tulalip Casino, WA (Commissioners Messner, Hutchinson & Engle)

Next Special Meeting

April 29, 2019 (WA. State Auditor Exit Phone Conference)

Time: 10:00am

Location: Station 53

Next Special Meeting

May 16, 2019 (Approve or Disapprove: Station 51 Generator Contractor; Vendor for Boat Seat Purchase;

Time: 10:00am Vendor for the Purchase of two Dodge Ram Tradesman 5500 Four Wheel Drive Chassis Cabs)

Location: Station 53

Next Regular Meeting

May 9, 2019

Time: 5:00pm

Location: Station 53

There being no further business, Board Chair Steve Hutchinson adjourned the meeting at 09:00am.
Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kim Harpe".

Kim Harpe, Secretary



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Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue and North Whidbey Fire & Rescue Joint Board of Fire Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes April 24, 2019

Call to Order

This meeting of the Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue (CWIFR) and North Whidbey Fire Rescue Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by (CWIFR) Chair Steve Hutchinson at 9:00am.

Input from the Public - None.

Commissioners and Staff Present

(CWIFR) Board Chair Steve Hutchinson, Commissioners Paul Messner and Cheryl Engle, Chief Hartin, Finance Officer/Board Secretary Kim Harpe, Training Captain Jerry Helm and (NWFR) Board Chair T.J. Lamont, Commissioners Jerry Goen and Marv Koorn, Fire Chief Mark Kirko and Board Secretary Monica Torgerson

Members of the Public Present - Whidbeyhealth Paramedic Scott Jackson, Mr. Lyle Zimmerman, Mr. Matt VanGeisen, Mr. Larry Morse, Mr. Shane Vandhorst, Ms. Teresa Jenkins and Mr. Jim O'Conner

Consensus Approval of the Agenda - (CWIFR) Board Chair Steve Hutchinson received consensus approval of the agenda.

(CWIFR) Board Chair introduced each of the district's Board members.

Approval/Correction of Previous Minutes

(CWIFR) Commissioner Cheryl Engle moved to approve and (NWFR) Board Chair TJ Lamont seconded approval the minutes for the meeting on February 26, 2019

Action: Approved Unanimously.

Old Business

Discussion of the Interlocal Agreements between Whidbey Island Hospital District (dba) Whidbeyhealth and Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue (CWIFR) and North Whidbey Fire Rescue (NWFR).

(CWIFR) Board Chair Steve Hutchinson, asked Chief Hartin to brief the Boards on the status of WhidbeyHealth's reply to the Joint fire districts proposal. Chief Hartin stated, "He and Chief Kirko had

met and drafted the letter to meet with Whidbeyhealth Hospital EMS Director Mr. Roger Meyers and (NWFR/CWIFR) Board Chairs and Fire Chiefs met on March 4th 2019 to discuss updated language for the new BLS agreement. Both districts mutually agreed to the updated language for the new BLS agreement and the proposed agreement was sent to Whidbeyhealth Hospital EMS Director Mr. Roger Meyers in essence the reply was “non-responsive”.

Chief Hartin shared the following four principal differences between the desires of the agreement proposed by the fire districts and WhidbeyHealth’s counter proposal:

1. Removal of limitations on split crews/staff augmentation
2. Terms of the Agreement (i.e., January 2019 to December 2019 vice July 2019 to June 2020)
3. Clarification of command responsibility for emergency operations
4. Reduction in hours and scope of training provided

Both Chief Kirko and Chief Hartin concurred, they need direction from the Board members on where to go from here before they meet next with Whidbeyhealth Hospital CEO, Mr. Ron Tellis and EMS Director Mr. Roger Meyers. (NWFR) Board Chair T.J. Lamont requested that each of the four items be discussed one by one.

After much discussion, the Boards collectively agreed that:

1. Working together to maintain the level of care with Whidbeyhealth in maintaining three BLS ambulance is in the best interest of the community. Criteria based dispatch could be a way (i.e, BLS ambulance go on BLS calls and not ALS calls). Both Fire Chiefs concurred that over time there has been mission creep and both districts are doing more things that are not specified in the agreement.
2. Both Boards are in favor of keeping the contract dates of January 2019 to December 2019 unless Whidbeyhealth Hospital is willing to add in the 12% increase to address the mandatory minimum wage increase that will take place on 1 January, 2020.
3. Clear language that spells out that the districts are going to be responsible for so all agencies can live by the agreement and everyone has clear expectations.
4. Each District needs to establish what the impacts will be to their district should the BLS Program go away. (i.e., increased response times, change to current day work personnel).
5. Each District will need to work on the concepts of key messages if Whidbeyhealth doesn’t want renegotiate the BLS agreements.

Board Chair Steve Hutchinson stated, “He hoped the fire districts could have a face to face get together with Whidbeyhealth Hospital CEO, Mr. Ron Tellis and EMS Director Mr. Roger Meyers instead of passing proposals back and forth and would like to see a meeting sooner rather than later”.

Chief Hartin stated, “He would see what dates best worked for both himself, Chief Kirko and both Board Chair members for availability and send a request with some different dates for a meeting to Whidbeyhealth Hospital CEO, Mr. Ron Tellis and EMS Director Mr. Roger Meyers.

Chief Hartin and Chief Kirko concurred that they would coordinate a time to meet o strategize plans for the “What If’s” and also identify the “Gray Areas of WhidbeyHealth’s proposed BLS Agreement”. Chief Hartin stated, “He felt there was a way to make it work that would benefit everyone and our communities” and stressed the importance of putting significant effort in to do so.

New Business.

Discuss Marine Recue Program.

(NWFR) Board Chair T.J. Lamont shared, “He would like to collectively approach the Island County Sheriff’s Office in regards to their office helping offset some of the cost of each of the District’s Marine Rescue Programs”. Chief Kirko shared, “South Whidbey Fire/Rescue and Camano Island Fire & Rescue should also be included”.

After much discussion, both Boards collectively agreed that updating the long expired master mutual aid agreement would be a good starting place and that Chief Kirko and Chief Hartin could bring this to the Island County Fire Chief’s next meeting to discuss.

Good of the Order - None.

Next Regular Meeting

Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue

May 9, 2019

Time: 5:00pm

Location: Station 53

1164 Race Road

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North Whidbey Fire Rescue

May 14, 2019

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Administration Building

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There being no further business, (CWIFR) Board Chair Steve Hutchinson, thanked everyone one for attending and adjourned the meeting at 10:00am.

Submitted,



Kim Harpe, Secretary