



MCFD#12 FIRE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 28, 2024

Location: Matlock Fire Hall 2950 W Matlock Brady Rd Elma, WA 98541

1. **Call to order-6:04 PM**

2. **Flag Salute**

3. **Roll Call-** Board Secretary, Val Chappell called the Roll. Commissioners Young, and Ingram were present as was Chief Mike Brown. Larry Taylor from West Mason, Steve Duenkel, Mason County Auditor, Kevin Shutt, Mason County Commissioner and Patti McLean, County Assessor and Melissa Upson were also present.

4. **Approval of minutes.** A motion was made by Commissioner Steve Ingram to approve the minutes from August 14, 2024. Commissioner Trina Young seconded the motion. The vote carried unanimously.

5. **Executive Session.** For the purpose of RCW 41.30.110 (i) To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. Executive session was from 6:09-6:24.

6. **Pay Bills-** Commissioner Young presented vouchers 82-93 . There was a discussion on the bills. A motion was made to pay vouchers 82-93 in the amount of \$36,625.29 by Commissioner Young and was seconded by Commissioner Ingram. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Commissioner Comments-

- a. Commissioner Young informed us that Madrona Pest control company is going to be at Station 1 on Friday.
- b. Pastor Ford of the Matlock Community Church was at Mondays' training and talked to the volunteers. There was a discussion on the need of a Chaplain for our District
- c. The Commissioners and Chief are already registered to attend the Washington Fire Chiefs Association Conference in Spokane on Oct. 23-26.
- d. MCFD attended the open house at Mary M Knight. Several Volunteers were there and interacted with the kids and handed out water bottles.
- e. Mason County Fire Association meeting is next week. There was a discussion on what we need or want. Commissioner Young would like to present a list at the meeting.
- f. There was a discussion on how we could raise our fire rating.

Commissioner Ingram thanked everyone for their hard work.

8. Chief Report-

- a. There have been 24 calls so far in the Month of Aug .
- b. Volunteers are in training at West Mason. 7 are signed up to go to Academy. 7 want to do EMR classes.
- c. Chief ordered 70 shirts for volunteers.
- d. Chief has been looking at new Bunker Gear and maybe doing a 5 year lease.
- e. An ILA has been signed with the County.
- f. The skid was picked up and is being installed on the brush truck.
- g. We had out L & I inspection. We had 21 serious hits. \$45,000 in fines. Most hits have been fixed. We have 90 days to correct them and then we will have a reinspection. We will file an appeal for the fines.
- h. On Sept. 4 at North Mason there is presentation about hiring a physician assistant. Commissioner Young will attend and find out information.

9. Public Comment-

There was a discussion about signs on private property. The fire Department cannot control private property.
There was a discussion about our Facebook page and our Web site.
There was a discussion on merging with West Mason.
Question was asked about the investigation. We met with the FBI last week . The investigation is ongoing.

10.. Unfinished Business-

- a. The Nepotism Policy was updated.
- b. Commissioner Ingram was asked to be on a committee with Teresa Bush to explore Century Link Phone service. A cell tower is being constructed at Schaffer Park.
- c. Nick Jones was the only applicant for the vacant Commissioner position. There was an interview with Nick.

11 Executive Session: Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1) (h) to evaluate the qualifications of candidates for appointment to elective office. The Board may or may not take action in the form of appointing a candidate to fill the third vacancy on the Board. Executive session was from 7:28 -7:32

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingram to appoint Nick Jones as Commissioner 3 of the Mason County Fire District 12. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Young. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

County Auditor Steve Duenkel administered the Oath of Office to Nick Jones.

Resolution 24-7 was presented addressing Board Commissioners being allowed to also be Volunteers.

The motion was made by Commissioner Ingram to adopt Resolution 24-7. It was seconded by Commissioner Jones and passed unanimously.

12. The Good of the Order.

- a. A comment was made that it was nice to have the phone answered.
- b. Dave Persell handed off his Laptop to Commissioner Jones.
- c. Dave Persell announced a Fire Association is being formed with a 7 member board. It is called MCFD12 Fire Association 7.0.

There will be a community Pig BBQ at the Grange on Sept 21.

Chief Brown asked the Community to join the Association. They will be raising funds for the Fire Department

- 13. Adjournment** – Commissioner Young moved the meeting be adjourned. It was Seconded by Commissioner Ingram. Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 PM

Certified on this 11th day of Sept. 2024:

Trina Young, Commissioner Chair

Steven Ingram, Commissioner Pos 2

Nick Jones Commissioner Pos. 3