



MCFD#12 FIRE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY Sept 11, 2024

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

1. **Call to order-6:00 PM**
2. **Flag Salute**
3. **Moment of Silence-** In remembrance of 9/11
4. **Roll Call-** Board Secretary, Val Chappell called the Roll. Commissioners Young, Ingram, and Jones were present as was Chief Mike Brown. Trevor Severance from West Mason was also present.
5. **Approval of minutes.** A motion was made by Commissioner Nick Jones to approve the minutes from August 28, 2024. Commissioner Steve Ingram seconded the motion. The vote carried unanimously. Adjustments to minutes. Commissioner Ingram moved to admit the revised minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Jones.
6. **Pay Bills-** Commissioner Young presented vouchers 125-145 . There was a discussion on the bills. A motion was made to pay vouchers 125-145 in the amount of \$40, 881.56 by Commissioner Young and was seconded by Commissioner Ingram. Motion passed unanimously.
7. **Commissioner Comments-**
 - a. Commissioner Young mentioned that there are 6 volunteers attending the Academy and wished them luck.
 - b. All three Commissioners and Chief Brown attended the Mason County Fire Commissioner meeting.
 - c. Commissioner Ingram gave an update on phone service in our area. For complaints or unreliable land service the UTC needs to be contacted and send an email to Comm2@mason12.org.
 - d. Commissioner Young said the Department OF Health received a complaint about the Fire Department having no Insurance. We replied to the complaint.

- e. There has been a public records request. It has been addressed. There was one more question today that will be addressed.
- f. Commissioner Ingram mentioned he was at the station when Macecom called Fire12. He was so proud to see the volunteers come and the trucks roll out. Thank you! Fire 12 is Back.
- g. Commissioner Jones echoed it is nice to see the inspiration. Has access to all buildings and information.

8 Chief Report-

- a. 6. Volunteers are attending the Academy. They will graduate around Dec. 12.
- b. There have been 20 calls already in Sept.
- c. 7 are signed up for EMR class.
- d. 7 are signed up for EMS class.
- e. The ILA fuel pins finally work.

9. Public Comment-

Public comments are going to be limited to 3 min for a total 15 min.

A question was asked about the Fire Truck at Lake Nahwatzel. It is being housed at Station 1 until the station 1 engine is repaired

Pete and Virginia Muller were just married. Congratulations.

It was noted as a public education matter that anyone can suddenly become allergic to bees.

10. Unfinished Business-

11. New Business-

Commissioner Jones proposed changing the dates of Commissioners Meetings to a different night of the week. Commissioner Jones Made a motion to change the meetings to Mondays. Seconded by Commissioner Ingram. Motion carries unanimously. After further discussion Commissioner Ingram made a motion to table the meeting change until the next meeting on Sept. 25. It was seconded by the Commissioner Jones.

Chief Brown wants to do a lease on 10 sets of bunker gear and a specialized Washer and dryer for cleaning the bunker gear. \$51,029. Would be the cost if purchased outright. Our budget can not handle that much so a lease makes much more sense. There was discussion of the pros and cons of a lease.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve a three-year lease of 10 sets of Bunker Gear with the specialized washer and dryer. Commissioner Ingram seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Young proposed we have a strategic planning meeting at the Next commissioner meeting. There was a discussion. Commission Nick Jones Made a motion to have a strategic planning meeting an hour before the Regular Commissioner Meeting on the fourth week each month. Commissioner Steve

Ingram Seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Executive Session: Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (g) to evaluate the performance of a public employee. Executive session was from 6:50- 7:05.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nick Jones to terminate the employment of Rachel Noga with cause. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steve Ingram Effective Sept 11, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Nick Jones made a motion to terminate Chief Bryan Walsworth with Cause. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Steve Ingram. The motion carried Unanimously.

The investigation is still ongoing. It has not been dropped.

Commissioner Nick Jones made a motion to hire Chief Mike Brown, pending a Successful negation of his contract. Commissioner Steve Ingram seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

13. The Good of the Order.

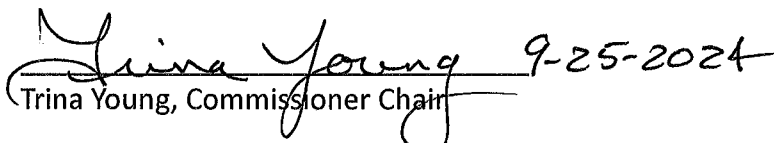
Pete and Virginia brought their wedding cake to share.

Safety Committee had their first meeting.

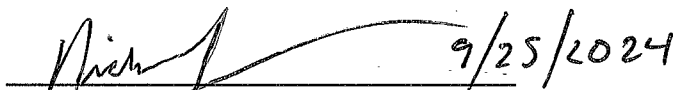
Dave Persell announced the BBQ at the Matlock Grange on Sept. 21, 2024 Dinner is at 5. Then the Randy Band will play for the community.

14. Adjournment – Commissioner Ingram moved the meeting be adjourned. It was Seconded by Commissioner Jones. Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 PM

Certified on this 25th day of Sept. 2024:


Trina Young, Commissioner Chair


Steven Ingram, Commissioner Pos 2


Nick Jones, Commissioner Pos. 3