



MCFD#12 FIRE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY Sept 25, 2024

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

1 Call to order-6:01 PM

2. Flag Salute

3. Roll Call- Board Secretary, Val Chappell called the Roll. Commissioners Young, Ingram, and Jones were present as was Chief Mike Brown.

4. Approval of minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Nick Jones to approve the minutes from September 11, 2024. Commissioner Steve Ingram seconded the motion. The vote carried unanimously.

5 Pay Bills- Commissioner Young presented vouchers 364-389 . There was a discussion on the bills. A motion was made to pay vouchers 364-389 in the amount of \$16659.66 by Commissioner Jones and was seconded by Commissioner Ingram. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Commissioner Comments-

- a. Commissioner Jones commented on the great turnout from the community for the Pig Roast. Thank You to the Fire Assoc. for putting it on.
- b. Commissioner Ingram is still putting feelers out for phone (landline) problems. He is still looking for disputes. Not billing. Non- working phone lines or inconsistent service.
- c. Commissioner Ingram thanked Commissioner Young for attending the County Commissioners meeting and also thanked her for giving her speech and declaring our Disaster over.
- d. Commissioner Young commented that Sat.(the Pig Roast) was outstanding.

7 Chief Report-

- a. There have been 20 calls already in Sept.
- b. Training is now in District on Tuesday nights.

- c. Still working on the lease for Bunker Gear.
- d. Still working on policies.
- e. Al Tupper is working with Chief Brown to remodel the kitchen area so there will be room for the washer and dryer.
- f. Academy is doing great.
- g. EMR class is coming probably in November.

9. Public Comment-

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

- a. Kristen made a request to have a report at the next meeting about the Investigation.
- b. Dave Persell is going to organize another letter campaign.
- b. Shirley Brown commented that she had offered several times to help the old Secretary and Kelli Wallsworth but they denied her help.
- c. Jennifer House suggested we have a fuel cube in Matlock for the Fire Department and School District.
- c. Dave Persell commented the Chief looks good in his uniform.

10. Unfinished Business-

- a. Commissioner Jones made a motion to change the dates of the Commissioners Meetings to the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month . The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ingram. The motion carries unanimously.
- b. Commissioner Young discussed Mental Health Training for volunteers called Code 4. Commissioner Young would like to schedule training in Jan. 2025. The phone number will be posted on the website and Facebook pages. There would be no charge to call and referrals would be to local providers.

11. New Business-

Commissioner Young discussed some of the ideas from the Strategic planning session.

- a. Scheduling a retreat for the Commissioners in Jan. 2025
- b. In the future: How a levy would apply.
- c. What would a merger or RFA look like?
- d. Remodel options on the Hall.
- e. Purchase land next door from the school.

Commissioner Young made a motion to pay a stipend of \$10.00 to volunteers for each call and training they attend. Commissioner Ingram seconded . The motion carried unanimously. This begins Sept 25 and excludes Commissioner Jones. He is a volunteer and a commissioner. Commissioner Jones wants to add himself to the resolution for Commissioner Pay.

State Audit. We still need to add last years totals before we can do the Annual Report.

L & I audit is almost complete. We are waiting for the final result from the State. Nick asked if the FBI was waiting for any of these results? Can we schedule a meeting with the FBI or Sherriff?

12. The Good of the Order-

Dave Persell gave a report on the Pig BBQ. Thanked everyone for their donations and for coming. Over 250 were in attendance. Everyone had a great time. The leftovers will be used for a dinner for all of the volunteers of MCFD 12 and West Mason it will be on Friday Oct 11 at the Fire Hall. Dave also thanked his board for all of their hard work.

Our next meeting will now be Monday Oct 14. Our next Strategic Planning meeting and Regular Board meeting will be on Monday Oct 28.

13. Adjournment – Commissioner Jones moved the meeting be adjourned. It was Seconded by Commissioner Ingram. Meeting Adjourned at 7:05 PM

Certified on this 14th^h day of October 2024:

Trina Young, Commissioner Chair

Steven Ingram, Commissioner Pos 2

Nick Jones Commissioner Pos. 3