

**PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 3
WEST PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 15, 2022**

Chair Dalton called the meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 5:33 p.m. This is a Zoom meeting. A quorum was present with all Commissioners in attendance. Also in attendance were D/C Boltz, D/C McCurdy, A/C McGrady, A/C Hebeisen, A/C Fiacchi, A/C Adams, and Director Wick.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Dalton motioned for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Rankin motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Clancy Seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

- Swear in Commissioner Clancy and Commissioner Durr – Honorable Grant Blinn read the oath to Commissioner Clancy and Commissioner Durr. Both Commissioners repeated their Oath of Office and their dedication to West Pierce Fire & Rescue. Honorable Grant Blinn congratulated them both on another term and thanked them for their hard work.
- Award for Rachel Adler – Emergency Preparedness Coordinator – Marvin Nauman was on the Zoom meeting and briefed the Board on the award for Rachel Adler for her hard work. Rachel has put many hours into the medical program through the CERT program and was commended for all her work that she does above and beyond. The CERT program and AmeriCorps programs are very fortunate to have Rachel involved.
- CERT recognition – Rachel Adler recognized her CERT members. Thanked the Commissioners for allowing this opportunity. Brianna Hart joined CERT in 2016 and started as a team lead in 2018. She has over 75 volunteer hours. Nate Hart joined in 2017 and became a team lead in 2018. Nat also has over 75 volunteer hours. Jim Hewitt joined in 2017. Became a team lead in 2019. He has over 131.5 volunteer hours, together they have volunteered over 200 hours. Thanked them for their leadership. They made this program successful. Chief Sharp also commented and thanked them for their hard work.
- Josh Brown was on the cover of the Spring Term issue at Pierce College. Great article on the work he is doing with WPFR as the emergency preparedness coordinator.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisting of Board Minutes of January 18, 2022. Warrant #64720 through #64795 totaling \$1,348,163.98. Warrants #64797 through #64848 totaling \$362,607.53. Warrants #64849 through #64906 totaling \$502,059.43. Warrants #64916 through #64963 totaling \$116,778.42. Warrants #64964 through #65005 totaling \$161,326.94. Finance Report December 31, 2021. January 2022 Alarm Summary. January 2022 payroll \$3,235,608.53.

Consent Agenda approved unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

CITIZEN COMMENTS - No comments at this time.

NEW BUSINESS – None

STAFF REPORT

- Month of January was up 17% over last year's call volume.
- No recent incidents to report.
- Chiefs Report - Chief Sharp briefed the Board
 - Covid update – Much better than a month ago. Only two that are out with active cases. Significant change from last month. Good news!
 - Leg update – 1719 which allows for larger caliber lethal weapons to disperse crowds and the mental health bill are moving forward. Made it through the house.
 - 1620 – addresses responses to extreme weather to provide services. Chief McCurdy is testifying, and this bill has moved forward into committee.
 - 1727 – Bill to move all elections to all even years. Changes things for WPFR. Levy and Commissioner elections are in an odd year. Will make it difficult as we will compete with schools, and other elections. Chief Sharp will keep the Board updated on decisions in the senate.

- Steilacoom Town Council meeting adopted the new contract with a vote of 4-0. Changes to the original contract and there is no capital assets trading. Strictly a cash contract with a 10% increase first year. Cost of living and adjustments will be made in the next years. WPFR wanted to create a contract that is beneficial to WPFR but allows Steilacoom to take a slower increase over the years. WPFR gets the bottom-line dollars needed. Once the term ends it will be a 1.2 million contract.
- **Commissioner Rankin** asked about radios and how WPFR will purchase. Chief Sharp briefed the Board on the radios and vendor support for the end of life for these. Work will be done by the middle of summer. Once recommendation is placed it will be forwarded to SS911. Chief Sharp will keep the Board updated on the meetings and decisions. If SS911 does not support this funding, this will be put in place in the next budget season. Hopeful SS911 bond is approved for these radios.
 - Based on Covid numbers we are hoping this summer to be in a better place. Would like to put the Youth Academy back on the calendar for June 26th and 27th. Hoping for the best. Will cancel if things turn around.
 - Social media post was picked up by the Suburban Times. House fire recently where patient was rescued through the back of the house. The nine firefighters were awarded at the PIA meeting. Their Battalion Chief provided a letter of commendation, and the Suburban Times picked the story up from our social media.

NEW BUSINESS - None

ACTION ITEMS

- Resolution #021522-001 – Sole source Brush truck & Chassis – Chief Sharp briefed the Board on the current brush truck and the need for a new chassis. The only option for the district is Cascade Fire and Life Safety. Chassis manufacturers have withdrawn their price offering previously available through state bid. State purchasing will not be adding chassis options until the 2023 model year. This hampers the district in getting the brush rig into service. Legal opinion supporting this sole source procurement is attached to this resolution.
Chair Dalton motioned for approval of Resolution #021522-001. Commissioner Durr motioned to approve. Commissioner Sheeran seconded. All approved unanimously.
- Cancel the March 1, 2022, Board of Commissioners meeting.
Chair Dalton motioned for approval of canceling the March 1, 2022, Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Clancy motioned to approve. Commissioner Sheeran seconded. All approved unanimously

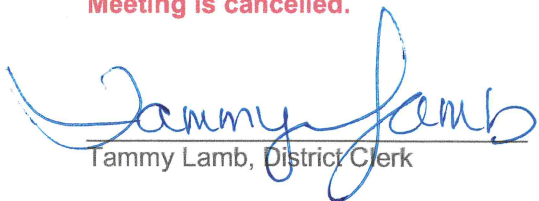
BOARD COMMENTS

- **Commissioner Rankin** – Thanked Rachel Adler for her hard work. Excellent job. Keep up the good work. Thanked D/C McCurdy for testifying. Thanked Staff for all their hard work.
- **Commissioner Clancy** – Ditto on Commissioner Rankins comments
- **Commissioner Sheeran** – Echoed Commissioner Rankins comments.
- **Commissioner Durr** – Commented on the 17% increase. Thanks for all your hard work.
- **Chair Dalton** – Thanked Honorable Grant Blinn for swearing in our commissioners. Thanked Rachel for her hard work. Thanked Commissioner Rankin for his work on State Commissioners. Thanked D/C McCurdy for testifying. Proud of all the work that has been done. The contract for Steilacoom is great to hear.

● **ADJOURNMENT**

There being nothing further to bring to the Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:02.

Next Meeting: March 15, 2022 @ 5:30/Zoom. Meeting for March 1, 2022 was motioned and seconded. Meeting is cancelled.


 Tammy Lamb, District Clerk


 Bart Dalton, Board Chair


 Koree Wick, District Secretary