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Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2015

Call to Order

This meeting of the Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue (CWIFR) Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Paul Messner at 11:00 hours.

Commissioners and Staff Present

Chairperson Paul Messner, Commissioner Cheryl Engle, Deputy Chief Charlie Smith and Office Manager/Board Secretary Kim Harpe

Members of the Public Present - None.

Consensus Approval of the Agenda

Unfinished Business - None.

New Business

Deputy Chief Charlie Smith briefed the Board on the latest Whidbey General Hospital proposal for road access through the parking lot at Station 51. After some discussion, Commissioner Cheryl Engle moved to approve granting Whidbey General Hospital an access road through the parking lot at Station 51. Chair Paul Messner seconded approval of this motion.

Action: Approved Unanimously.

Deputy Chief Charlie Smith reported, that at the last meeting between the District and Whidbey General Hospital CEO, Ms. Jeri Forbes, there was discussion regarding the adequacy of space to expand Station 51 to meet the needs of both the District and WGH Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and the potential for CWIFR to purchase the hospital's interest in the Station to provide adequate space to meet CWIFR's needs.

Deputy Chief Smith stated, "Chief Hartin was looking to the Board to provide direction on entering into discussions with Whidbey General Hospital regarding how to apportion the costs should the Board desire to proceed with the purchase of the hospital's interest in the property. Commissioner Cheryl Engle stated, "She felt it was in the best interests of the district to get all the answers to the questions and made a motion to approve moving forward with proposed talks between the District and Whidbey General Hospital regarding the purchase of the hospital's interest at Station 51". Board Chair Paul Messner seconded approval of this motion.

Action: Approved Unanimously.

Good of the Order/Announcements

Oct 21-24, 2015

WFOA Annual Conference – Tulalip Casino, WA

Deputy Chief Charlie Smith shared that due to the fire conditions in Eastern Washington, Part Time member Trenton Taylor who is a member of the Army National Guard has been activated.

Chief Smith shared a recent “Thank you recognition” email from the organizers of the Coupeville Arts & Crafts Festival.

Next Regular Meeting

September 10, 2015

Time: 17:00

Location: Station 53

There being no further business, Chairperson Paul Messner adjourned the meeting at 11:39.

Submitted,



Kim Harpe, Secretary