



Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue

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Board of Fire Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2023

5:00 PM

Call to Order

This meeting of the Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue (CWIFR) Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by Chair Cheryl Engle at 5:00 pm.

Commissioners, Staff, GMP Consultants, Interview Panel Members and Fire Chief Applicants Present:

Commissioners Steve Hutchinson, Cheryl Engle, Paul Messner, Fire Chief Jerry Helm, Interim Deputy Chief Jim Mirabile, Finance Officer Cathy Niiro.

New Business

1. Motion was made to approve by Commissioner Hutchinson and seconded by Commissioner Messner the fire chief contract for Gerald W. Helm.

Action: Approved Unanimously

2. The swearing-in ceremony for Fire Chief Gerald W. Helm as the newly appointed fire chief for Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue was conducted by Fire Commissioner Cheryl Engle. Chief Helm's badge pinning was conducted by his wife Lindsey Helm, and assisted by daughters Finley and Scotlyn who added Chief Helm's new collar insignia.

Good of the Order

June 2-4, 2023

WFCA Chelan Seminar, Campbell Resort
(Commissioners Messner)

October 25-28, 2023

2023 WFCA Conference, The Tulalip Resort, WA
(Commissioners Engle, Hutchinson, Messner & Board Secretary Niiro)

A celebration of Chief Helm's appointment as the new fire Chief was held after the meeting.

Regular Meeting

June 8, 2023

Time: 5:00 pm

Location: Station 54, 3253 Day Rd. Greenbank, WA due to construction St. 53 on Race Rd.

Submitted by: *Cathy Niiro*, Secretary