

Mason County Fire District 18 Board of Commissioners

September 11, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cochran at 1700 hours. Also present was Commissioner Barb Bodin.

Fire Personnel: Michael Sexton, Ron Satterfield, Trinity Rightmyer, Camille Lemke, Shawn Berry, Bailie Turner, and Gage Long

Guests: Mark Fischer

Secretary: Karen Thomas

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence in Honor of those effected by the tragedies of 9/11/2001

Consent/Approval of the Agenda: Agenda was approved as presented. Motion by Commissioner Cochran. 2nd by Commissioner Bodin. Passed Unanimously.

Previous Minutes:

Hoodsport Fire & EMS

August 14, 2024: Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Bodin moved to accept, 2nd by Commissioner Cochran. Passed Unanimously.

Treasurer's Report/Payment of Bills and Payroll:

Total of \$68,743.89 Bills and Payroll for the month of September.

\$64,910.47 in EXPENSE

\$3,833.42 in EMS

Motion to pay the bills and payroll made by Commissioner Bodin. 2nd by Commissioner Cochran. Passed Unanimously.

Chiefs Report:

District 18: 88 calls in August, bringing our call count to 500 for the year as of the end of August

District 17: 16 calls in August, bringing their call count to 100 for the year as of the end of August

Class A uniforms came in for Gavin and Trinity.

Our Radios that we had lent to District 12 have been returned.

Mason County Fire Chiefs Association needed a secretary, so at this time, our secretary Karen will fill that role. The meeting is one time per month.

Old Business:

Back up Cameras: Cameras in all but two. Lt. Rightmyer will work with Chief on these, as these are a more challenging install.

Radio Update: The new Kenwood radios are all in, except for the boat. Thank you, Shawn Berry, for taking on this project. These are also digital compliant, so we are ready when that switch is made with the county.

Boat: We have our boat! We were able to take it out a couple of times, and it needs to go back to Lee Shore Boats for a couple of adjustments/changes. It will go to Black Star on Friday for the decals. It will also be going to the Kiwanas event on 9/14/2024 so the community can see it. Training and Policies are being worked on.

Open House 2024: TBD

2024 Snure Seminars: the Commissioners would like a zoom link.

DNR Grant: We received the DNR Technology but have not heard how to move forward with it yet.

The Temporary Position ended 9/11/2024 at 8:00am. Thank you Tim Havnar for your time! Chief Sexton, BC Satterfield and Trinity said his time with us was valuable, we were able to get so much done with training, had 24/7 coverage and it was helpful and we are excited about the direction of the department.

New Business:

Mason County Fire Academy: It is being hosted by West Mason, thank you to them! We were able to get four personnel in at the last minute.

2025 Budget Meeting: Scheduled for October 16, 2024 at 5pm.

Merger Planning Meeting to talk about goals, objectives, impacts: Scheduled for September 24, 2024 at 5pm.

Resident Program: We have decided to open one resident position starting October 1, 2024. We are opening an application process. We have also divided one of the bedrooms to create two sleeping spaces to be used only if all other rooms are in use.

September 4, 2024, James Suor, a committed volunteer, passed away. His wife is working towards a memorial and will keep us updated.

Reminder to the Commissioners that Chief Sexton and Karen Thomas reviews are due in October.

Good of the Order:

Commissioner Cochran thanked Chief Sexton for all that he does. Chief Sexton thanked the Commissioners for their continued support that has helped create a system with a roster that is able to function and provide care to our constituents.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:03 pm

Gail Cochran

Chair Cochran

Barbara J. Bodin

Commissioner Bodin

Commissioner McDougall