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**Minutes
Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting
March 13, 2018**

Present: Commissioners Zuluaga, Noll and Malone, Chief McCollum and Asst. Chief Wassall

Members of the Public and Staff: 3

Commissioner Zuluaga called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes:

Motion- A motion was made by Commissioner Malone to approve the minutes of February 13, 2018.

Seconded: Noll

Passed

Vouchers:

*Motion-*A motion was made by Commissioner Malone to approve the following deposit vouchers:

#14229 in the amount of \$100.00 for a deposit from WA State Board for Volunteer Firefighters (BVFF) for volunteer firefighter physicals reimbursement.

Seconded: Noll

Passed

*Motion-*A motion was made by Commissioner Malone to approve expense vouchers:

#14230 through #14269 in the amount of \$30,744.67 for monthly payables.

Seconded: Noll

Passed

CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC TESTIMONY:

Thank you from Meeker Citizens of the World Student Exchange Booster Club for donating a Safety Celebration to their New Zealand Exchange Program fundraising auction.

SPECIAL REPORTS AND /OR STANDING COMMITTEES:

March 13, 2018 Chiefs Report:

Calls: 9 total calls, 1 Mutual Aid MVA, 1 Service, 7 EMS.

Staffing and Recruiting: I taught at the Buckley Academy last night and it seems our personnel are doing just fine. Taking applications and we have gained 2 EMS and 2 laterals.

Financial Report:

GL Trial Balance cash on hand:	96,458.99
Less 3/13/2018 expenses	30,744.67
Deposit	<u>100.00</u>
Remaining cash on hand:	65,814.32

Reserves: 68,990.33

Training: Sending 6 plus myself to the West Region EMS conference this month. Chief Wassall, BC Rapozo and 5 volunteer firefighters went to the Stroke Conference in Seattle.

We have a house burn this Saturday on Austin Road in Dash Point.

Weather is getting better so boat training will once again commence. We need to have a metal prop guard installed as the plastic is just not strong enough. Lighting has been installed and a GPS will be purchased this month.

We have 4 additional volunteers scheduled to attend wildland certification training. BC Rapozo will be starting our annual refresher training in April. Several of us will be attending the DNR open house April 10th. Plan to bring up payment issues vs. participation.

SS911: The operations board meeting met last Friday and went over the recommendations from Delta Works plus agreed to endorse the Callison Partnership as the architect.

Fleet Status: Engine 76 still needs to get to West Pierce for service, but it will be after the house burn.

Good of the Order:

Bids are coming in for the building upgrades. Still have a few more to obtain plus I am getting quotes on a new phone system as ours cannot be supported anymore due to age. The conversion to LED and Tacoma City Light looks very promising. They may cover up to 60% of the cost.

Last weekend was the Scott Columbia Tower Stair climb. We put 12 to the top and raised \$11,233 in donations. A superb effort.

Asst. Chief Wassall reported on the stroke conference he attended. Presentation was from first responders in the field, the response team at the hospital emergency door and what happens after that. An EMT from Kirkland also did a basic presentation. The hospital needs patients identified as possible stroke victims during emergency deliveries, so they get them to neurological dept. ASAP. They prefer we error on the side of caution due to the importance of

identifying strokes early. We now have stroke info packets we can give to the public to help them also identify strokes. We have a CPR/1st aid class scheduled for April 14th at the Browns Pt. Station where we can share this additional information.

Chief McCollum is now certified for the Stop the Bleed program. The materials are costly. We will look to additional participation and possible grants to help cover the costs.

Chief McCollum handed out a draft of the Water Resource Response packet to the Commissioners. The changes on the draft were to clarify communication channels. Commissioner Zuluaga suggested they be further clarified. The Coast Guard is the only one that can assign marine working channels. The Incident Commander receives the communication channel assignments from the Coast Guard and distributes. We will train key personnel that serve as our water rescue helmsman to ensure they understand this communication process.

Chief McCollum handed out the SS911 budget and design agenda packet to the Commissioners and shared his thoughts and insights on the project.

Chief McCollum discussed the idea of a possible dog park in a back corner of Curly Slide Park.

Commissioner Noll asked about potential upcoming wildland fires. Last year we went on 2 State and 7 DNR mobilizations. It is likely we will be participating in approx. the same number again.

Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner Malone heard back from Tom Dargin at Metro Parks regarding planned parking lot updates and ADA ramps to the lower portion of the park. Bidding closes on 3/15. Public opening is Thur. at 3 pm. Contracting between March & April. Board approval April – May. Construction May-June-July. Chief McCollum had provided plan changes that needed to be made for better fire truck access and turn-arounds, and has not yet seen the updated plans.

Commissioner Malone reported on the recent Browns Pt. Town Center meeting. Living Care Lifestyles shared their plans to build 135 assisted living units with mixed Retail use at the current Browns Pt. shopping center location. Timeframe is 12-18 months before construction starts. They have not applied for any permitting yet. The last proposal expired Feb. 28th. David Kovanen and Ron Ayers shared their experiences with how the current business center doesn't support itself. The developers plan to build 35 feet up from Marine View Drive. It is zoned multi-family use/residential use with a density of 16 per acre, and possibly 25 per acre with beneficial improvements. Feedback from attendees was to minimize the size. Parking would be multi-story parking from Marine View Dr. down. Commissioner Zuluaga shared it is critical they have a registered nurse on their staff to minimize the impact on our Fire Dept. Chief McCollum feels there needs to be mitigation fees as we wouldn't receive any tax funds for 2 years. Permit filing is next in order. East Pierce, Central Pierce and Gig Harbor volunteer departments have this situation with assisted living in their areas.

ACTION ITEM: Commissioner Zuluaga suggested we send a letter to invite them to attend the Commissioner's meeting.

A Town Hall meeting is planned for Tues., Mar. 20th, 7 pm, at BPIC where Councilwoman Roach will give an update. She plans to send out an informal ballot to assess the community's desire for annexation. The developers indicated there was no annexation interest on their part.

The non-contiguous Fire Dept. legislative bill has passed on to Governor Inslee's desk for signature.

The Fire Dept. will be delivering the Easter Bunny to the Easter Egg Hunt, Sat., March 31st.

Public Information Report-Presented by PIO Leah Hensley:

Social Media:

Facebook. 1,039 likes and 1,036 following.

Facebook posts since last Fire Commissioner's Meeting:

February 13th. Japanese Home-stay Students! *People Reached: 359; Shares: 2; Reactions: 9.*

February 14th. Fire Commissioners sworn in. [Link shared from website]. *People Reached: 340; Shares: 1; Reactions: 8*

February 15th. Shared event for First Aid & CPR/AED Training. *People Reached: 194; Shares: 0; Reactions: 3*

February 16th. Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Climb. [Link shared from website]. *People Reached: 1,390; Shares: 7; Reactions: 13.*

February 26th. [Northpoint Cooperative Preschools](#) singing the fireman song! *People Reached: 624; Shares: 7; Reactions: 36.*

February 26th. A second [Northpoint Cooperative Preschool](#) group visited! *People Reached: 303; Shares: 2; Reactions: 18.*

February 26th. Check out these photos from the [Northpoint Cooperative Preschool](#) visits (two different groups came) to PCFD13 Station 77 today! [Link to website added]. *People Reached: 495; Shares: 2; Reactions: 36 Comments: 1*

February 27. [Northpoint Cooperative Preschoolers](#) for visiting us today! [Link to website added]. *People Reached: 208; 2 Shares; 23 reactions. 3 Comments.*

February 27. [Northpoint Cooperative Preschoolers](#) sang the fireman's song! *People Reached: 477; Shares: 7; Reactions: 27; Comments: 1.*

February 28. More photos from the group that visited us yesterday have been added! (Reference to website post for NorthPoint Cooperative Preschool Visits.) *People Reached: 70; 0 Shares; 4 reactions.*

March 10. PSA: PCFD13 will be doing a controlled burn on March 17th on Austin St NE in the Dash Point community. *People Reached: 378; 4 Shares; 15 reactions.*

Twitter. 34 Following. 71 Followers. No new updates to report.

Multiple February Dates: PCFD13 was tagged by waDNR_fire; "we are hiring" tweet.

Website.

Articles posted under News & Events pages:

February 14; PCFD13 Fire Commissioners Sworn-in

February 15; PCFD13 Welcomes Japanese Homestay Students!

February 16; To the Top! 2018 Stair Climb Fundraiser

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February 26th; NorthPoint Cooperative Preschool Visits

Past Community Events

As mentioned above.

Scotts Stair climb in Seattle

Upcoming Community Events for the Fire Department

Seabury Pre-School visits | March 15-16th

Controlled Burn | March 17th

First Aid & CPR/AED | April 14th from 9am-3:30pm [Posted on FB & website]

Pending: Boy Scout Troup requesting First Aid & CPR/AED class for May or June

Community News & Events

Easter Egg Hunt | PCFD13 will deliver the Easter Bunny | March 31 at 9am

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Annual Report changes suggested.

ACTION ITEM: Once finalized, send to DPSIC, BPIC & Life At The Points magazine for inclusion in future mailings, and post to website.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Annual Planning Meeting to follow Commissioner meeting on Tues, June 12th.
- 2) Fire Chief's Assoc, meeting will be held at the Browns Pt. fire station on Thur., April 5th.
- 3) Fire Commissioner Assoc. meeting will be held Thur., Aug. 23rd, 7 pm.
- 4) Bob with Life At The Points magazine shared the following event dates:
Arts & Crafts Show, Sat., July 7th; Car Show, 3rd weekend in August.

Announcements:

The next regular meeting will be Tues., April 10, 2018 at 9:00 AM

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:19 AM

Approved By:

Chairman Zuluaga

Commissioner Malone

Commissioner Noll

Fire Chief/District Secretary