



Bi-North Fire District Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2019

Station 71, 911 NE Liberty Road, Poulsbo

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Ingalls.

Present:

Poulsbo Fire: Commissioner Ingalls, Commissioner Ellingson, Commissioner Green, Commissioner Milton, Commissioner Uberuaga, Chief Gillard,
North Kitsap Fire: Commissioner Neupert, Commissioner Huntington, Commissioner Gregory, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Stewart, Chief Smith

Staff: Lise Alkire (PFD); Kevin Vay (PFD); Jeff Russell (PFD)

Chair Ingalls called for approval of the agenda and the following motion was made:

Commissioner Gregory moved to approve the 4/15/2019 Bi-North meeting agenda; Commissioner Stewart seconded and motion was called with a unanimous vote to approve the 4/15/2019 Bi-North meeting agenda.

Chair Ingalls called for approval of the meeting minutes from 9/17/2018 and the following motion was made: Commissioner Gregory moved to approve the 9/17/2018 Bi-North meeting minutes; Commissioner Stewart seconded and motion was called with a unanimous vote to approve the 9/17/2018 Bi-North meeting minutes.

Chief Gillard provided a brief overview of Poulsbo's EMS levy measure that will be on November's ballot, which is one year early, but on the same schedule as NKF&R; it is expected that renewal of the EMS levy will provide over \$600,000 in revenue and it is Poulsbo's intent to utilize a CPI inflator, as used with the fire levy. Using the CPI as the inflator should help maintain the levy rate so that, when the levy expires in six years, the renewal rate will not be so steep. Chief Smith noted that NKF&R must also renew its EMS levy in November and the advantages to both districts running the measure at the same time have proven to be advantageous to both districts: there is less confusion among our respective constituents and there is an intrinsic benefit of sharing election related costs and labor. It was noted that Bremerton Fire is also planning on running a measure in November. Chief Gillard noted that it may be beneficial that all three entities use, at the very least, similar language if not the same language in their ballot measures.

There was some discussion regarding utilizing members of Poulsbo's CBRC (Citizen Budget Review Committee) as a potential resource for drafting the voter's pamphlet "Pro" statement. Currently, NKF&R does not have its own CBRC, and there was some brief continued discussion regarding methods for soliciting support.

Lise Alkire provided a brief overview of the planned spring edition of The Pulse. Its focus will be on emergency medical services as well as summer safety tips. There was a suggestion that if the publication speaks to burn bans that the two kinds be described (air quality versus dry conditions) and that on-line burn permit information on each district's web site mirrors the other.

The discussion then turned to potential areas of cooperation between the two districts including potentially filling upcoming non-operational retirement positions with one person filling the job for both districts; perhaps combining maintenance shops and it was noted there is currently a bill in the legislature that would allow for contracting with a non-fire government agency; or perhaps a future cooperative effort in building a new station – there could be economies in scale for such a project. Leadership needs to ascertain the economic feasibility of potentially consolidating administration of the two districts and it will be critical to evaluate the pros and cons of such a plan.

The next scheduled Bi-North meeting is Monday, June 17th at 7:00pm, at NKF&R's headquarters.

Adjournment:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by common consent at 7:55 p.m.

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