

# ISLAND COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #1

Camano Island Fire & Rescue (CIFR)  
REGULAR COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
Administration Office  
January 27, 2020

Chairman Williams called the regular Commissioners meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Those in attendance were: Paul Williams, Steve Lich, Erik Krieg, Jerry Evans, Jan Trembl, Levon Yengoyan and Darla Tiner. There was one Citizen present.

The flag salute was led by Commissioner Evans.

**Commissioner Evans moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Krieg seconded; motion carried by unanimous vote.**

## **CONSENT AGENDA –**

1. Minutes of January 13, 2020, Regular Meeting
2. Approval of Vouchers: 3 EFT's for \$85,895.71 Payroll EFT for \$192,120.09, Expense Vouchers #201063 - #201117 for \$93,545.96, Capital Fund Vouchers #201118 - \$201120 for \$5,470.17, all totaling \$377,031.93.

**Commissioner Lich moved to approve the Consent Agenda items 1 and 2 as presented. Commissioner Trembl seconded; motion carried by unanimous vote.**

**CHIEF'S REPORT** – Chief Yengoyan gave his report.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – A Citizen Thank You

**PUBLIC INPUT** – None

**MEMBER INPUT** - None

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS –**

**ICOM** – Give Commissioner Trembl any input for her to take to the meeting.

**Safety/Risk Management** – Next meeting March 12, 2020

**Communications** – Commissioners Evans and Trembl will be attending Legislative Day in Olympia on Tuesday.

**Finance** – Commissioner Trembl reported that all things are in order.

**SNO-ISLE** – Next meeting/Banquet February 1, 2020. Commissioners Trembl and Evans plan on attending.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS –**

**Resolution 2020-01 Per Diem and Travel -**

**Commissioner Evans moved to approve Resolution 2020-01 Per Diem and Travel. Commissioner Krieg seconded; motion carried by unanimous vote.**

## **2020 Goals and Objectives –**

- Chief handed out a draft of the Administration goals and asked the Board to give him any input.
- Would like to meet with the Board regarding his goals and their expectations. Commissioner Krieg will meet with Board Chair Williams to develop this for the Chief.
- Commissioner Trembl wanted to clarify from the last meeting that her goals for the Financial Policy was at the Board level, not the District level.

- Commissioner Trembl would like to see guidelines for the Board.
- Need a Procedure for the Finance Committee.
- Commissioner Krieg would like to meet with the District's new PIO soon regarding the Pillars of Communication.
- PIO Mishler will give an update to the Board at an upcoming meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS** –

Mutual Aid with North County RFA – Chief handed out a letter from Chief Cermak of NCRFA that talks about the discrepancy of Mutual Aid between the two Districts.

- Chief Yengoyan to speak with Chief Cermak to clarify regarding financial reimbursement of the past three years, as mentioned in the letter.
- If need to seek legal guidance, will need to obtain outside counsel as both Districts have the same attorney.
- NCRFA's Board Chair would like to meet with CIFR's Board Chair to discuss the issues.
- Discussion of seeking counsel now or waiting until the two Chiefs and two Board Chairs meet to clarify things.
- Commissioner Lich suggested we read the current Mutual Aid agreement with NCRFA. Believes there is a statement that says that either District has the option to decline to respond to Mutual Aid. Chief also believes there is a statement about financial recompense.
- Discussion of possible financial reimbursement in the form of the use of our training equipment/facilities and maintenance for their Rigs to help offset the imbalance.
- Discussion held regarding the fact that NCRFA does not have CIFR on their Run Cards, so this adds to the imbalance. Also, the fact that NCRFA receives the transport fees for any Camano transport performed for CIFR.
- The District has already implemented several Run/Staffing changes to help lessen the need for Mutual Aid.
- Board Chair Williams would like to ask Attorney Davis what RCW's cover Mutual Aid.
- It was the consensus of the Board to respond to Chief Cermak's letter and then hold meetings with Chief Cermak and their Board Chair.

## Ambulance Transport Fees –

- Information presented showing the average transport fees for most of Snohomish County; and also, the percentage of the District's fee collection from Medicare/Medicaid vs. Insurance/Private, which is 82% vs. 17% for 2019. CIFR is a little below the average.
- Commissioner Trembl made a motion to raise the fees to \$700 for BLS, \$1,000 for ALS1 and \$1,100 for ALS2 and \$19/mile. There was no 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion held. The motion was dropped.
- A fee increase would only affect approximately 17% of the payors.
- Chief suggested possibly tying any increases to the annual CPI Index. But don't want to be in a position to have to do a large increase at some point to stay up with financial needs.
- Suggestion to use the Cushman model to see what kind of affect the increase would have.
- Comment made that the District is in a good place financially and do not feel the need to raise the transport fees at this time. The Board likes the idea of keeping the rates low for our Citizens.
- After further discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to not increase the current transport fees for the District.

## **PUBLIC INPUT** - None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ✓ The February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting is cancelled due to scheduling
- ✓ Next Commissioner Meeting Monday, February 24, 2020, 4:30 p.m., at the Administration Office
- ✓ Chief Yengoyan will be absent from the February 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. An Asst. Chief will take his place
- ✓ Awards Committee Meeting Tuesday, January 28, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. at Admin.

There being no further business, Commissioner Krieg moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darla Tiner  
Board Secretary