

**Board of Fire Commissioners  
Spokane County Fire Protection District 10  
929 South Garfield Road  
Airway Heights WA 99004  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

April 2, 2024

5:00pm

Commissioner Hester called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

**Present**

Commissioners Kevin Houghton, Scott Mericle and Gordon Hester, Deputy Chief Don Malone; Deputy Chief Andres Steevens; Deputy Chief Nick Henry and Administrative Director Peggy Callahan.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Agenda was approved as mailed.

**Pinning** – Commissioner Hester paused the meeting at 5pm to pin new district lieutenants. Regular meeting resumed at 5:15pm

**Consent Agenda**

Minutes from March 5, 2024, meeting were approved as mailed.

Approval of Warrants/EFTs/ACHs processed 03/01/2024 through 03/31/2024 were approved.

**Executive Session**

Per RCW 42.30.110(g) To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee and RCW 42.30.110(f) to receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee – Commissioner Hester took the board into Executive session at 5:15pm for twenty minutes. Deputy Chief Malone, DC Steevens and AD Callahan were also present.

5:35pm – Executive session extended five minutes

5:40pm – Regular meeting resumed

**Chief's Report –**

- Career hiring process has begun – written test April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Assessment Center April 10<sup>th</sup>, Chief's Interviews April 11th
- Lieutenant testing was completed; we will plan a Pinning Ceremony at the next meeting.
  - Cliff Denman promoted to Lieutenant of Support Services.
  - Steve Copeland promoted to Station 3 Lieutenant.
  - McKenna Jimno promoted to Station 2 Lieutenant C Shift.
  - Evan Zeuschel promoted to Station 2 Lieutenant B Shift.

- Shaun Pitts promoted to Station 2 Lieutenant A Shift.
- Department of Ecology grant - pending
- Department of Natural Resources grant - pending.
- Purchases were made through DNR Cache with DNR grant funds.
- Spokane Tribe grants funds were used to purchase low pressure hoses
- A committee will be formed to look at replacing Station 10-2.
- Navigating the Flames: Wildfire Risk in Spokane County, April 25th, 2024, 08:30 to 14:00.

**Old Business**

1. Roundtable Meeting Follow Up – Interim Lt Scharff reported on Prevention Activities
  - a. 43 smoke detectors have been installed in houses throughout the district. Smoke detectors provided by Red Cross.
  - b. CO detectors were also installed upon request
  - c. Fire inspections will be conducted April – May
  - d. Home safety inspections will be conducted as requested
2. Strategic Plan Timeline Update – no report

**New Business**

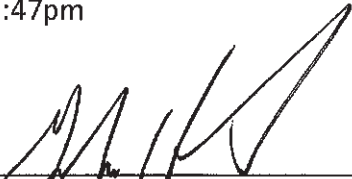
1. Resignation of Chief Johnson – Commissioner Hester announced that Chief Johnson has resigned from the district effective 3/29/2024. Deputy Chief Malone will be appointed as interim Chief. Motion made by Commissioner Haughton, seconded by Commissioner Mericle. Motion carried.
2. Surplus List – Deputy Chief Henry presented a list of items the district is wanting to surplus. Commissioner Mericle made a motion to approve the budget as presented; seconded by Commissioner Haughton. Motion carried.

**Public Comment** – Commissioner Hester opened the meeting to public comment.

**Adjournment**

The next regular meeting will be May 7, 2024, at 5pm at Station 10-1.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 5:47pm



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Gordon Hester, Commissioner  
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