

NORTH HIGHLINE FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS MEETING



January 4, 2011

The first regular meeting for January of the Board of Fire Commissioners of North Highline Fire District was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Wayne Alishokis with Commissioners Ray Austin and Rob Spreier present. Also in attendance were:

Roger Anderson
Amy Benner
Jerry Blaylock
Larry Briggs
Todd Carter
Jamie Cissell

Chris Johnson
Bob Lawson
Gil Loring
Ed Marrs
Mike Marrs
Steve Marstrom

Bob Price
Pat Price
Charlotte Ryan

Chief Marstrom led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rob Spreier moved to approve the meeting's agenda as presented. Ray Austin seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

Consent Agenda

- Minutes of December 21, 2010 regular meeting
- Expense Fund Vouchers No. 01001 through 01023 in the amount of \$11,327.43

Rob Spreier moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ray Austin seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

Correspondence

- **Letter to Local 3780 requesting negotiations**
As approved by the Board at the last regular meeting.
- **Letter to Lloyd Ansel regarding LEOFF 1 Sick Leave Benefits**
Chief Marstrom sent FF Ansel a letter explaining how amendments made to the negotiated 1810 contract will affect him as a LEOFF 1 employee.

Public Comment

None

Commissioners' Report

- Chairman Alishokis reported that he spoke with Kenny Pittman (City of Seattle) today and learned they are still collecting information regarding the possible annexation of North Highline. Mr. Pittman's committee will present their findings to the City Council on January 18, and the Council will make a decision on the issue some time in early March.
- Commissioner Austin said that he met with Commissioner Hobbick (KCFD 2) briefly, and they are looking at possible dates to meet formally to discuss a new contract for services. He deferred his report dealing with Local 3780 negotiations to Chief Marstrom.
- Commissioner Spreier asked if the additional invoice amount for the Fitchitt & Benedict study has been resolved. The Chief replied it has not as yet.

Local #1810 Report

No report.

Local #3780 Report

No report.

Chiefs' Report

- **Department Staffing**
We still have three personnel off on extended absences due to injuries. Hopefully, one should be coming back on light duty and another should be returning within a

week or so. Overtime continues to suffer. We see no quick fix to the situation at this time.

- **Chief's Top Ten List – Update (2)**

Because reducing overtime is a never-ending goal, the Chief has replaced that item with "Training Program Redesign."

Chief Marstrom then informed the Board that he will be on vacation January 31 through February 11, and he explained that this was scheduled prior to his accepting the Chief position at North Highline.

Commissioner Spreier returned to the topic of training and asked if we will team up with District 2. The Chief replied that the long-term expectation is to have all of training consolidated with District 2 and only one administration of the training program. In the meantime, we are revising how data entry is to be accomplished and restructuring staff positions. A small discussion was held regarding how soon the consolidation would take and whether these changes affect the bargaining units.

Attorney's Report

The District Attorney was not in attendance, and Commissioner Spreier asked for his telephone number.

Executive Session

There was no executive session.

Unfinished Business

Chief Marstrom produced a revised version (with the correct policy reference) of the letter published by Commissioner Malaspino in 2007 regarding communication. He then asked if the Board wanted to hold a special meeting to discuss other possible revisions to the Commissioners Policies (Series 1000).

A discussion was held regarding the need for a special meeting and the 2007 letter about communication. Commissioner Austin said he didn't see the need for the letter; but if we were to keep it, certain revisions must be made to it. Chief Marstrom suggested that because the subject in the letter (communication) is already included in the 1000 series, the Board may wish to consider incorporating the letter into an existing policy.

After further discussion, the Chief was instructed to confer with legal counsel regarding the discipline issue mentioned in the letter.

New Business

Rob Spreier moved to nominate Wayne Alishokis as Board Chair for 2011. Ray Austin seconded. Wayne Alishokis recused himself from the vote. Motion carried.

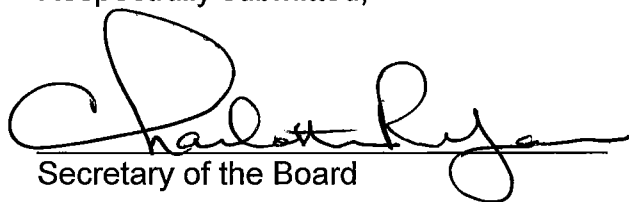
Rob Spreier moved to nominate Ray Austin as Vice-chair for 2011. Ray Austin seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

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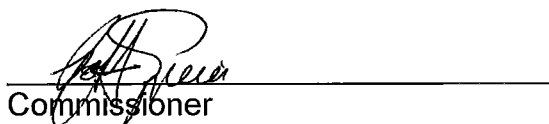
Commissioner Spreier then telephoned the District Attorney and learned that he did not have today's meeting on his calendar. The Secretary was reminded to send the Attorney an agenda packet prior to each meeting.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary of the Board


Chairman, Commissioner


Commissioner

Commissioner