

Kuna Rural Fire District

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Minutes of Commissioners Special Meeting

April 5, 2021

APPROVED: _____ **REVISED:** _____ (see revised version)

Chairman Bud Beatty called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. in the meeting room of Kuna Fire Station #1.

Present were Commissioners: Bud Beatty, Mike Smith, Randall Feaster, Greg McPherson and Tim Crawford. Also present were White Peterson Attorney William Gigray, and Officer of Administration-Secretary-Bookkeeper Krystal Hinkle.

Agenda Approval:

Comm. McPherson moved to accept the agenda as printed and posted. Comm. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Executive Session Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting of April 5, 2021– The Commissioners, upon a unanimous roll call vote, went into the executive session, pursuant to Idaho Code Section 74-206 (1) (a) To consider hiring a public officer, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need and to hear complaints against Fire District officers and employees, to consider records that are exempt from disclosure. The executive session commenced at 10:07 a.m. In attendance were all the members of the Board of Commissioners, Sec. Hinkle and legal counsel Wm. F. Gigray, III. Sec. Hinkle was appointed as secretary to take the minutes of this executive session. At 10:23 a.m. Captain Lawrence was asked to join the meeting. Information was then exchanged among the Commissioners in attendance, Captain Lawrence and Wm. F. Gigray, III regarding the subject matters of the executive session. At 10:44 a.m., Union President, Matt Coffelt was asked to join the meeting. Information was then exchanged among the Commissioners in attendance, Captain Lawrence, Matt Coffelt and Wm. F. Gigray, III regarding the subject matters of the executive session. At 10:59 a.m., Captain Lawrence and Matt Coffelt were then excused from attendance in executive session. A motion was made at 11:06 a.m. by Commissioner Tim Crawford and seconded by Randall Feaster to come out of executive session which motion passed unanimously. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business –

Discuss and Consider Resolution Approving the Amendments to Title 5, Chapter 2, Battalion Chief– Commissioner Smith made a motion approving Resolution 2021-08 approving the amendments to Title 5, Chapter 2, in relating to the Battalion Chief. Comm. McPherson seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Discuss and Consider the Temporary Interim Appointment of Battalion Chief –

Commissioner McPherson made a motion appointing T.J. Lawrence as an Interim Battalion Chief until testing can be established. Comm. Feaster seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

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Discuss and Consider the Temporary Interim Appointment of Captain - Commissioner McPherson made a motion appointing Matt Coffelt as an Interim Captain until testing can be established. Comm. Feaster seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Discuss and Consider Testing Requirements for a Battalion Chief and Captain - Sec. Hinkle will call neighboring departments for examples of testing requirements and job descriptions.

Commissioner Smith made a motion appointment Commissioner McPherson and Commissioner Feaster to help with the promotional testing for Battalion Chief and Captain. Comm. Crawford seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Discuss and Consider the Process with the Western Fire Chiefs Association – Commissioner Smith made a motion to authorize Chairman Beatty and Sec. Hinkle to discuss the draft contract and process with the Western Fire Chiefs Association. Comm. Smith seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Appointment of Members to the Hiring Committee – Tabled

Discuss and Consider a Resolution Approving the Agreement with FCCNW – Plan Reviews
Commissioner Smith made a motion approving Resolution 2021-09 authoring the Chairman to sign the Agreement with Fire Code Consultants North West for Plan Reviews. Comm. McPherson seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Discuss Letter from State Fire Marshal – Revoking Sprinkler Inspections - Knute Sandahl, State Fire Marshal sent a letter to the district revoking our ability to conduct Fire Sprinkler Plan Reviews for commercial properties. All commercial sprinkler plans must go through his office until we have an employee that the State Fire Marshal feels confident can complete our reviews in the future.

Knute Sandahl also indicated that the previous Fire Chief has kicked his staff off the scene of an incident after they were invited to conduct an investigation. He hopes that we can build a better relationship with his office. They are only there to help when invited.

Questions and Concerns from the Budget Committee –

1. Will the remodel take place in 2021 or 2022? The Board indicated taking the cost out of 2021.
2. Does the Board want to purchase or lease equipment? The Board indicated that they are okay with leasing, but would like to see the options for both.
3. Remodel of Build Station 2? The board has not decided what direction yet. Commissioner Smith indicated there is a Developer who might help with the building of the next station on the south side of the tracks. He will invite him to the next board meeting.
4. Part-time Removal – The board indicated they would like to remove the part-time program.

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5. Will the ambulance stay or go? The board indicated that Shaun Rayne with Ada. Co. Paramedics will come out and speak about the options at the April Board meeting.

Commissioner Open Discussion – None

Commissioner Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Crawford seconded the motion, motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Krystal Hinkle, District Secretary

M.G. Bud Beatty, Chairman