



## **FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

### **NORTH ADA COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER MEETING**

January 9, 2023 4:00 p.m.

**Station 16  
5800 Glenwood**

### **MINUTES**

North Ada County Fire & Rescue District Board of Commissioners did conduct a regular Commissioner Meeting at 4:00 p.m., Monday, January 9, 2023. The meeting was available in person and via teleconference. The meeting was conducted in compliance with Idaho Open Meetings Law.

**Attending:** Commissioner/Chairman Jeff Ramey, Commissioner Todd Bunderson, Commissioner Jeff Souza, District Administrator Shelley Vaughan, Boise Fire Chief Mark Niemeyer, Boise Assistant Chief Romeo Gervais, Boise Division Chief Paul Roberts, Boise Division Chief Aaron Hummel, Eagle Fire Deputy Chief James Vincent

**Call To Order: 4:00 p.m.**

**Commissioner Roll Call:** Commissioners Ramey, Bunderson and Souza were present.

**\* Consideration to appoint Chairman of the Board for the year 2023.**

Commissioner Souza made motion that Commissioner Jeff Ramey continue as Chairman for the 2023 calendar year. Commissioner Bunderson second. No discussion. Roll Call Vote: Ramey (yes), Bunderson (yes), Souza (yes). Motion carried.

**\* Consideration to appoint District Administrator for Impact Fees for 2023 – Shelley Vaughan**

Commissioner Souza made motion that Shelley Vaughan continue as District Administrator for Impact Fees for the 2023 calendar year. Commissioner Bunderson second. No discussion. Roll Call Vote: Ramey (yes), Bunderson (yes), Souza (yes). Motion carried.

**\* Consideration to Approve Minutes dated December 12, 2022.**

Commissioner Souza made motion to approve the minutes dated December 12, 2022. Commissioner Bunderson second. No discussion. Roll Call Vote: Ramey (yes), Bunderson (yes), Souza (yes). Motion carried.

**\* Consideration to Approve the Check List dated January 9, 2023.**

Commissioner Souza made motion to approve the check list dated January 9, 2023. Commissioner Bunderson second. No discussion. Roll Call Vote: Ramey (yes), Bunderson (yes), Souza (yes). Motion carried.

**\* Consideration to participate in nationwide opioid settlements with three chain pharmacies, Walmart, CVS, and Walgreens, and with two opioid manufacturers, Teva Pharmaceutical Industries and Allergan per Idaho Attorney General Wasden's recommendation.**

Commissioner Souza made motion to have the North Ada County Fire & Rescue District participate in nationwide opioid settlements with three chain pharmacies, Walmart, CVS, and Walgreens, and with two opioid manufacturers, Teva Pharmaceutical Industries and Allergan per Idaho Attorney General Wasden's recommendation. Commissioner Bunderson second. No discussion. Roll Call Vote: Ramey (yes), Bunderson (yes), Souza (yes). Motion carried.

**Boise Fire Briefing on the Rescue/Engine concept—Chief Hummel and Chief Roberts**

Boise Division Chief Paul Roberts presented drawings for modifications to an engine being built by Pierce Manufacturing and purchased by NACFR. Previously the NACFR Board declined a "Heavy Rescue" apparatus and response out of Station 18. The Board wants to have the engine carry water for fire suppression. Chief Roberts explained that Boise Fire would like to include additional rescue equipment on the engine housed at Station 18. This is a modified version of the original heavy rescue apparatus plan. This plan loses front suction, pre-connects come off of the back and there is 500 ft of 5" supply line hose instead of 1000 feet. The engine will carry 500 gallons of water instead of the typical 750 gallons. The Boise Fire Operations Staff feel that the 500 gallons and 500 ft of 5" will be sufficient as engine 18 will be responding into areas where hydrants are available and there are surrounding engines that would also respond to a structure fire.

Chief Gervais stated that the Operations Chiefs are asking for direction from the NACFR Board on whether or not to proceed with this concept. Commissioner Souza stated that the NACFR Board believes there will be a Co-staffing scenario at Station 18. Chief Neimeyer stated that Boise is committed to a co-staffing model at Station 18. Chief Niemeyer also stated that eventually Boise Fire would like to go to a 3-person engine and a 2-person squad. Chief Gervais stated that a 2025 timeline for opening Station 18 is "aggressive". The current focus is on building Station 13 on State Street. Building Station 5 downtown is also happening simultaneously.

Chief Roberts told the NACFR Board that if this rescue/engine scenario meets expectations he will proceed with getting a hard price on the modifications. Commissioner Bunderson asked for clarification that by moving ahead with specialized equipment the Board is not approving a heavy rescue regional response. The additional equipment is only for a local response, and co-staffing is not for a “heavy rescue” station. Chief Roberts replied that the BFD vision is not to have a Heavy rescue engine at Station 18. Chief Roberts will proceed with getting a hard cost for the equipment modifications. There will be a fee for re-engineering. Chief Roberts will contact the NACFR Board when he has additional information on the cost for re-engineering.

### **Boise Fire Department Update – Chief Romeo Gervais and Chief Mark Niemeyer**

- **Budget:** Chief Niemeyer reported that they are in the process of building the 2024 budget for the City.
- **Legislature:** Idaho Fire Chiefs Association is actively engaged with the legislature. One of the issues specific to fire districts is the requirement to have multiple Development Impact Fee Advisory Committees if the district includes more than one county. Another issue being heard by the legislature relates to PTSI.
- **CLA Negotiations**—There has been no progress with regard to the Union Contract negotiations. Both sides are in the mediation process. The next step will be arbitration.
- **BFD Public Education Manager** – BFD will be hiring a Public Education Manager. They have had several well-qualified applicants apply.
- **The 10-Year Plan** – Has been wrapped up. Boise will begin a pilot program “Squad 1” this summer. A 2-person squad will run out of Station 1.
- **Joe Bruce with Boise PDS**—Moving to a new position within the City. Chief Gervais will be communicating with DA Vaughan when a replacement is named.
- **ISRB Class 2**—Boise Fire recently completed the ISRB evaluation process and achieved a Class 2 for all of Boise Fire, NACFR (sans the Eagle Fire jurisdiction) and Whitney areas. The new rating takes effect March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

Commissioner Ramey stated that the Idaho Fire Commissioners Association is sponsoring a PTSI conference in March. Mr. Silouan Green will be conducting the conference. All firefighters are encouraged to come. It is free of charge. DA Vaughan will forward the information to Chief Gervais for distribution at Boise Fire.

### **Eagle Fire Department Update – Chief James Vincent**

- **Probationary Firefighters**—All probationary firefighters will be doing final testing in the next two weeks. They will be off probation by month end. Eagle Fire Administration feels that the probationary firefighters have done very well, and they do not foresee any problems.
- **Logistics Issues Station 5** -- Beginning next week EFD will be checking Station 5 for any new logistics issues.
- **SCBA** – The valley fire departments are moving forward with pricing SCBA. The Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant has opened up again for another month. Boise Fire and Eagle Fire have not received notice that they will not be receiving the FAFG

grant. The FAFG grant may allow entities to purchase equipment now and be reimbursed later.

**New Business: N/A**

**\* Adjourn: 4:54 p.m.**

Commissioner Souza made motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bunderson second. No discussion. Roll Call Vote: Ramey (yes), Bunderson (yes), Souza (yes). Motion carried.

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Jeff Ramey, Commissioner/Chairman

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Date

**\* Action Item**