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North View Fire District Board Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2023

The North View Fire District Trustees convened in a Fire Board Meeting session on March 28, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., at the North View Fire Station. Notice of time, place, and agenda of the meeting was electronically mailed to each Trustee to the Utah Public Meeting Notice Site, Standard Examiner, and posted at the North View Fire Station on March 28, 2023. Notice of the 2022 annual meeting schedule was electronically mailed to the Utah Public Notice Website and to the Standard Examiner. Pursuant to the NVFD Electronic Meetings Policy adopted March 16, 2011, One (1) or more trustees may have participated electronically, and the NVFD Station 21 315 E. 2550 N. North Ogden, Utah is designated as the anchor location, where members of the public may monitor and when appropriate, participate in the meeting. After notifying the District clerk, Trustees may have participated electronically by telephone, Skype, Face time, or any method that facilitates communication electronically.

Present:

Chairperson Timothy Wheelwright
Vice-Chairperson Jay Johnson
Trustee John Arrington
Trustee Chris Clark
Trustee Meredith Aardema
Trustee Cameron West
Fire Chief David Wade

Excused:

Trustee Maxwell Jackson

Staff Present:

Deputy Fire Chief Jeremiah Jones
Deputy Chief/ Fire Marshal Ryan Barker
Leonard Call, Treasurer
Jeff Davis
Nicci Roylance, District Clerk

1. Opening Prayer, Reading or Expression of Thought, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairperson Wheelwright welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. Trustee West led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a moment of silence.

2. Consideration to approve the minutes of March 25, 2023.

March 25, 2023, minutes were reviewed. Trustee Clark made a motion. Vice-Chairperson Johnson seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Chairperson Wheelwright	aye
Vice-Chairperson Johnson	aye
Trustee Arrington	aye
Trustee Clark	aye
Trustee Aardema	aye
Trustee West	aye

3. **Consideration to approve the monthly financial transactions for January and February 2023.**

The financial transactions for January and February 2023 were reviewed. Trustee Arrington asked about the expenditure amounts on the budget, which were close to 100%. Leonard Call stated that we meet before this meeting to go over the budget and the expenditure amounts and try to reclassify if any are wrong. Deputy Chief Jones stated that on some line items we are under. Jeff Davis said that five accounts need to be looked at to reclassify some that have been put in the wrong category. Trustee Arrington stated that ambulance revenue is under. Jeff Davis stated that we met with First Professional and they told us that most entities are under on their ambulance revenue. Trustee Arrington asked if we are addressing the shortfall. Jeff Davis stated that we don't see any problems and that there is no way to fix the revenue problem. Chairperson Wheelwright asked about the fee and lieu. Leonard Call stated that we may see an increase in April, May, June, and July for the fee and lieu. Trustee Arrington made a motion to approve the financial transactions for January and February 2023. Trustee West seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Voting on the motion:

Chairperson Wheelwright	aye
Vice-Chairperson Johnson	aye
Trustee Arrington	aye
Trustee Clark	aye
Trustee Aardema	aye
Trustee West	aye

4. **Public Comments**

There are no public comments. Chairperson Wheelwright stated that John Stouffer with AP Triton was attending by Zoom for a presentation. Chief Wade stated that he was notified concerning a Midpoint Paramedic Meeting and that John Stouffer may talk about that meeting. Deputy Chief Jones introduced John Stouffer. Deputy Chief Jones

stated that the second technical review is up to be read and they will be doing that in the upcoming weeks. Deputy Chief Jones stated that there is a question about when to publish the study. John Stouffer thanked everyone for the opportunity of being present at the meeting. John Stouffer stated that they were quite surprised about the Paramedic programs in our County. John Stouffer stated he is surprised with how long the County's study is taking to finish this study. John Stouffer stated that when he talked to Citygate there was a negative attitude towards North View Fire. John Stouffer stated that they would like to wait on publishing our study until the county published their Paramedic Study and they would like to counter some of the negatives in their report. John Stouffer stated he is concerned with our community paying for Paramedics and that there is a conflict of interest with our Medical Director. Chairperson Wheelwright asked John Stouffer if his recommendation is to wait for the county's Paramedic Study to be done. Deputy Chief Jones stated that with waiting to publish we would be reactionary to their study and he understands the reasons, but he stated he could see the county coming back and stating that we changed our study to recommend a Paramedic piece. Chairperson Wheelwright asked John Stouffer what his response would be. John Stouffer stated he would want to avoid a contentious environment, but he wants to make sure that if the county's study comes out not in the best interest of North View, he would like our study to say otherwise. Chairperson Wheelwright asked if we went ahead and published and when the Citygate study is published, could we engage you to help respond to the County? John Stouffer stated that he just gave the Chiefs the second technical review to start reading. John Stouffer stated that he would be flexible and what is in the best interest of the district. Jeff Davis stated that John Stouffer mentioned three items and he wanted them to be readdressed. John Stouffer stated that our taxpayers are paying toward the Paramedic Fund and that North View does not receive any money from that fund, second, we are paying \$100,000 to cities and districts that have paramedics that come into our area to provide that service when needed, third that we are paying a medical director that is in conflict of interest by working for numerous agencies and the county. John Stouffer stated that it is taking around fifteen minutes for paramedics to arrive on the scene. Jeff Davis asked if another item would be that those entities get to bill for insurance that we would be missing out on that revenue from the insurance. Chairperson Wheelwright asked if there are any more questions for John Stouffer. Chairperson Wheelwright asked if the board has enough input as to when the timing of when to publish the study. Trustee Aardema asked when the Budget Committee meeting would be, that it would be helpful in budgeting for next year. Deputy Chief Jones stated that when discussing with Chief Wade and John Stouffer maybe wait to publish till that preliminary meeting. Trustee West asked if the Citygate report was at a midpoint. Trustee West stated that we could wait till the next meeting to make the decision after attending the midpoint meeting. Chairperson Wheelwright stated to postpone the decision till the next meeting.

5. Discussion and/or action on the Interlocal Election Agreement for 2023.

Chief Wade stated that we received the Interlocal Election Agreement for 2023 and it did go to legal for approval. Chief Wade stated it did go up in price this year. Chief Wade stated that we paid \$18,000 last election. Nicci Roylance, District Clerk stated

that with new legislation it could be cheaper this year. Vice-Chairperson Johnson made the motion to approve the Interlocal Election Agreement for 2023 with Weber County Election Commission. Trustee Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Voting on the motion:

Chairperson Wheelwright	aye
Vice-Chairperson Johnson	aye
Trustee Arrington	aye
Trustee Clark	aye
Trustee Aardema	aye
Trustee West	aye

6. **Discussion and/or action on the Interlocal Amendment for the Board and Seal Agreement.**

Chief Wade stated that we have approved this agreement before, but there was a clerical error concerning Morgan and they needed to amend the error. Trustee West made the motion to approve the Interlocal Amendment for the Board and Seal Agreement. Trustee Arrington seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Voting on the motion:

Chairperson Wheelwright	aye
Vice-Chairperson Johnson	aye
Trustee Arrington	aye
Trustee Clark	aye
Trustee Aardema	aye
Trustee West	aye

7. **Discussion and or action on the First Responders First Agreement.**

Chief Wade stated that we in the past year have used Previdence for our Mental Health, we met with them to talk about what they could do and what could they provide for our people. Chief Wade stated that the district would need to be able to provide Mental Health to our retiree's but Previdence couldn't provide that. Chief Wade stated that we met with First Responders First so that we could pick what we need to provide for our employees and we will be paying monthly instead of annually. Chief Wade is making the recommendation to approve. Trustee Aardema asked what the cost would be. Nicci Roylance, District Clerk stated that it went down in cost due to the cafeteria-style billing. Trustee West made the motion to approve the First Responders First Agreement. Vice-Chairperson Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Voting on the motion:

Chairperson Wheelwright	aye
Vice-Chairperson Johnson	aye
Trustee Arrington	aye
Trustee Clark	aye
Trustee Aardema	aye
Trustee West	aye

8. Discussion and/ or action on the Ladder Truck.

Chief Wade stated that when we had our last Ladder Truck it became too costly to keep up with maintenance. Chief Wade stated that we knew after the District sold it that at some time in the future we would need to buy one. Chief Wade stated that Ladder Trucks to build are out 36-42 months. Chief Wade stated that Deputy Chief Jones and Jeff Davis were able to get some options for financing. Deputy Chief Jones stated that if we went with the 42 months we could get it, but it would be more money and closer to the time frame we would need it. Deputy Chief Jones stated that if we wanted to save \$200,000-\$300,000 there is a program called build my Pierce, which is quicker and speeds it up to 26 months, it wouldn't be as custom. Jeff Davis stated that we usually pay in cash and usually pay an upfront down payment. Jeff Davis stated if we are thinking 36 months, we don't want to wait because prices go up. Jeff Davis stated that one option is to set aside some money in the next two or three budgets. Jeff Davis stated that the truck will be about 1.6 million for the truck. Jeff Davis stated that we would need to put some money down to hold our price and place it in line. Chairperson Wheelwright stated that we do need to put some down for a downpayment. Chairperson Wheelwright stated to put this on hold till the next meeting, once the study has come back. Jeff Davis stated some more options for a down payment than a lease, with a purchase option at the end of the lease, or balloon payment with a mileage restriction at the end of the lease, or turning the truck back into them and starting a new lease for a new truck, which would need to be contracted three years before the lease is up. Chairperson Wheelwright stated that we need to postpone till we look into more lending options.

9. Discussion and/or action on the Drone for NOPD.

Deputy Chief Barker stated the NOPD contacted us about contributing to buying a drone. Deputy Chief Barker stated that they asked us to donate \$2000 and that they would bring it to every structure fire, and grass fire not just in North Ogden, but Pleasant View and Harrisville. Deputy Chief Barker stated that it would benefit us and their office. Chairperson Wheelwright stated that he wants a commitment to the District. Trustee West asked if it would be at the station. Deputy Chief Barker stated that it would be in the drone pilot's vehicle. Deputy Chief Barker stated it would be a great benefit to the District. Trustee West stated that we need to have a better contract for the commitment. Chairperson Wheelwright stated that he would like better wording and the expectations of the letter. Vice-Chairperson made the motion to

approve subject to North Ogden PD providing revised wording that is acceptable to the administration. Trustee Aardema seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion:

Chairperson Wheelwright	aye
Vice-Chairperson Johnson	aye
Trustee Arrington	aye
Trustee Clark	aye
Trustee Aardema	aye
Trustee West	aye

10. Chief's Report

Chief Wade stated that we are in process of the Budget and setting up a time for the Budget Committee. Chief Wade asked if April 18th would work. Trustee Aardema asked if the 20th would work. Chief Wade asked the administration if that would work. Chief Wade stated that the Budget Committee would be on April 20, 2023, at 4:00 pm. Chief Wade stated we had an opening for an LT Paramedic and Jordan Stephens's contract was up with the District and had applied for Medical School and did not get in. Chief Wade stated that Jordan Stephens approached Deputy Chief Jones concerning the opening and felt that it would be a good placement to fill that LT Paramedic position and continue the paramedic program. Trustee Arrington asked to clarify that he is no longer a contracted employee but an actual full-time employee. Chief Wade stated that our Award Banquet will be on April 29, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

11. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Wheelwright did not have anything to report.

12. Other and/or Identify matters for future consideration and or action.

Trustee Arrington stated he is uncomfortable with our citizens are not covered by paramedics in our area. Chairperson Wheelwright stated that John Stouffer we are paying for their services and then the District is paying for their services. Trustee West stated that we have to pay regardless of what we collect from the patient. Trustee West stated some concerns about our Medical Director.

13. Closed Executive Session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.

Vice-Chairperson Johnson made the motion to go into a Closed Executive Session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Trustee West seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Voting on the motion:

Chairperson Wheelwright	aye
Vice-Chairperson Johnson	aye
Trustee Arrington	aye
Trustee Clark	aye
Trustee Aardema	aye
Trustee West	aye

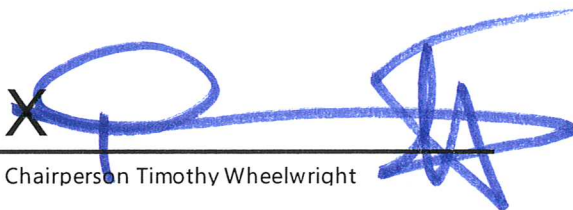
Trustee West made the motion to close the Closed Executive Session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Trustee Aardema seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Adjournment

Trustee West made the motion to adjourn. Trustee Aardema seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Voting on the motion:

Chairperson Wheelwright	aye
Vice-Chairperson Johnson	aye
Trustee Arrington	aye
Trustee Clark	aye
Trustee Aardema	aye
Trustee West	aye

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Chairperson Timothy Wheelwright

X 
District Clerk Nicci Roylance

Date Minutes were approved 4/25/23
North View Fire District Board Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2023