



## PIERCE COUNTY FIRE COMMISSIONERS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES July 22, 2021  
Picnic at the Park - Orting

### **CALL TO ORDER – FLAG SALUTE**

President Tom Sutich called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. no flag salute was held due to meeting in the Orting Park.

### **WELCOME and THANK YOU TO HOST**

President Sutich thanked everyone for attending tonight's picnic/meeting.

### **ROLL CALL – SELF-INTRODUCTIONS**

No roll call or self-introductions were done. There were approximately 25-30 people in attendance. Chief Gibson welcomed everyone to Orting. He reported their Levy's passed and they will be increasing their staffing from 4 to 8 over the next 2 years. Enjoy your evening here at the Orting Park.

### **PROGRAM – NONE**

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA and TREASURER'S REPORT**

President Sutich asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. It was moved by Commissioner McElligott and seconded by Commissioner Dannat to approve the agenda and Treasurer's Report (see copy on the backside of the Agenda) as presented. MOTION CARRIED. Passed unanimously.

### **MINUTES OF June 24, 2021 MEETING**

Commissioner McElligott moved and Commissioner Dannat seconded to approve the minutes. Any discussion? Hearing none, anyone opposed? Hearing none, the June 24, 2021 minutes as presented were passed unanimously. MOTION CARRIED.

### **SGT. AT ARMS – NAME BADGES**

N/A

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing at this time.

Commissioner O'Harra Buttz reported the Award Committee met and it was decided to move forward with the Dale Mitchell Award. They are working on putting together nomination paperwork and they've already decided who will receive the first one.

### **REGULAR REPORTS:**

#### **a) Regional Representative Report – Mike Cathey**

Nothing at this time. Commissioner Rankin reported the WFCA Board met last week. Registration for the conference in Tulalip in October will be \$370.00. Registration forms will be going out in August. There are already 325 booked rooms for the conference.

**b) Legal - Joe and/or Eric Quinn**

Joe Quinn reported there is a new case to be aware of having to do with being held liable for negligence with responding to slowly to an EMS call. Will also be writing about the police reform in their monthly newsletter. Need to address what happens if they don't show up and we don't show up, etc. Also working on developing a model policy. Commissioner Egan asked about the state able to enforce collecting money for the sick leave. Attorney Quinn stated the paid FMLA regarding commissioners subject to pay as that right now the standard advice is to be having it deducted. The other issue coming up soon is the Long Term Care Act.

**c) SouthSound 911 – Debbie Grady**

Not present.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**a) Fire Chiefs Association - Dan Rankin / Tom Sutich**

N/A

**b) Legislative - Brandon Faust**

Not present.

**c) Bates Technical College – DORMANT - Dan Rankin**

**d) Fund Raising Activities - DORMANT- Ed Egan**

N/A

**e) Annual Picnic/Potluck – Bill Eckroth and Arlene Dannat**

President Sutich thanked Commissioner Dannat for all of her work on everything for this evening. Commissioner Egan moved to reimburse Commissioner Dannat for the pizza's and refreshments for this evening. Commissioner O'Harra Buttz seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED. Commissioner Dannat encouraged everyone to go across the street to Scoop There It Is for ice cream dessert.

**f) Annual Banquet – DORMANT - Mike Cathey**

**g) Scholarship & Education - Tom Sutich / Stan Moffett**

N/A

**h) Awards Committee – DORMANT – Margaret O'Harra-Buttz**

**i) Membership – Kevin Gorder**

N/A

**j) Programs – Stan Moffett**

Reported 2 speakers for August – Hilary Franz and Tori Petus from WFCOA office on the new website, etc.

**k) Sunshine - Arlene Dannat**

N/A

**l) NAEFO – Gerry Gustafson**

N/A

**m) Nominating – DORMANT - Dan Rankin**

**n) Audit – DORMANT - Dan Rankin / Margaret O’Harra Buttz**

Reported completed in April for last year.

**o) SS911 Committee – Pat McElligott**

Commissioner McElligott stated with regards to police not responding to calls and what we do, it might be a good idea for this group to form a committee to address the issues to make a statement and be loud and clear that what we have to do was best to keep our people safe, etc.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

N/A

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Nothing at this time.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

President Sutich asked the membership about meeting in person? It is his suggestion/recommendation that we stay with Zoom meetings until the first of the year. Discussion followed. There were no objections.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned 6:15 at pm.

Submitted by:

Denise Menge,  
Secretary/Treasurer

Website: <http://www.pcfirecommissioners.org/SitePages/Home.aspx>

**2021 Meeting Schedule:**

January 28, 2021 – Remotely via Zoom  
February 25, 2021 – Remotely via Zoom  
March 25, 2021 – Remotely via Zoom  
April 22, 2021 – Remotely via Zoom  
May 27, 2021 – Remotely via Zoom  
June 24, 2021 – Remotely via Zoom  
July 22, 2021 – BBQ/Potluck – Orting Park  
August 26, 2021 – Remotely via Zoom  
September 23, 2021 – Remotely via Zoom  
October 28, 2021 – No Meeting – Annual Conference  
November 18, 2021 – Remotely via Zoom  
December 2, 2021 – No Meeting – Annual Awards