

**MICA KIDD ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING  
October 25, 2016 6:00 PM**

**PRESENT:**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CLARIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION DURING OCT. 4, 2016 SPECIAL BOC MTG**

CHAIRMAN MUNDT: When I looked at the minutes I realized and it was pointed out by our attorney that I made a mistake in going into executive session. What I should have said was we were going to evaluate a prospective employee under 74-206(1) (a). That's what I should have said and I did not. The next thing is during that session (according to the minutes) we discussed the ad copy which was a general nature and we should not have done that. I'm going to make the self-correction found in Idaho Code 74-207(7)(i) and I'll make that a motion. COMMISSONER HAUSER 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion: COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK Abstained, I wasn't here. **Motion Carried**

COMMISSIONER MUNDT: The only problem with that is we approved the ad copy at that meeting.

COMMISSIONER MUNDT moved to approve the ad copy as submitted, COMMISSONER HAUSER 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion: COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK Abstained, he was not part of the process. **Motion Carried**

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY**

None

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Regular Monthly Meeting of September 27, 2016**

COMMISSONER HAUSER: Asked Carmen about the corrections she had requested. DIST. SEC. SARANTO: Yes I made the changes to the October's minutes and they are highlighted. CHAIRMAN MUNDT: So this is the most current version? COMMISSIONER HAUSER: Right. Is October's in here? I'll make a motion to approve the October 4<sup>th</sup> minutes. CHAIRMAN MUNDT: We are on September 27. COMMISSIONER HAUSER: Oh, are we?

CHAIRMAN MUNDT moved to approve the September 27<sup>th</sup> minutes, COMMISSIONER HAUSER 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion: **Motion Carried**

**Special Meeting of October 4, 2016**

CHAIRMAN MUNDT: With regard to the October 4<sup>th</sup> I think that we can approve this if we can include comments made at the beginning of the meeting. If we can't, then we should table it and wait until next meeting. DIST. SEC. SARANTO: Say that again. CHAIRMAN MUNDT: The comments I made at the

beginning of this meeting should be on the Oct 4<sup>th</sup> minutes otherwise it's not going to make a lot of sense. Because we made an error and if it's not incorporated in here then someone is going to read this and bring it up again. Do you want to table this until it can be included? DIST. SEC. SARANTO: You could make a motion to include those comments. CHAIRMAN MUNDT moved to include the comments made at the beginning of this meeting to be included with the October 4<sup>th</sup> minutes.

COMMISSIONER MUNDT moved to approve October 4, 2016 minutes with the comments included, COMMISSIONER HAUSER (to clarify as the attorney said) 2nd the motion: **Motion Carried**

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **Check Detail Report:**

TREASURER SWENDIG: I attempted to send the reports through QuickBooks and for some reason they did not go through. I would like to point out the Profit and Loss Budget versus Actual figures are incorrect because QuickBooks does not carry the full budget until the end of the first month. The numbers reflected in the budget column in the budget versus actual is a software glitch. COMMISSIONER HAUSER: And they've never fixed that? CHAIRMAN MUNDT: It's always been true. TREASURER SWENDIG: For as long as I've done QuickBooks, which is a while, until Nov. 1. COMMISSIONER HAUSER: That's just bizarre. TREASURER SWENDIG: It is. You can't fight software and if the software isn't programmed to do it's not going to do it. That explains the weird dollar amounts in the budget. CHAIRMAN MUNDT: Acct. #6275 Worley Highway District, shouldn't that be emergency generator instead of amergency generator? DIST. SEC. SARANTO: Yes.

CHAIRMAN MUNDT moved to approve the Check Detail Report, COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion: **Motion Carried**

### **Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual:**

CHAIRMAN MUNDT moved to approve the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual, COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion: **Motion Carried**

### **Balance Sheet:**

CHAIRMAN MUNDT moved to approve the Balance Sheet, COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion: **Motion Carried**

## **CHIEF'S REPORT**

CHIEF RISKE: Jason was not able to make it tonight. He got called out for a detail with the Fire Marshall. After being tasked to go over some tender issues that we have with the new tender, I discussed in length with the volunteers the things that we would like to see added or changed. You have the report on that in front of you. I tried to detail it as much as possible for you. COMMISSIONER HAUSER: You're talking about the tender? CHIEF RISKE: Tender 262 yes. I'll talk about that under tender, I apologize. COMMISSIONER HAUSER: No, that's ok. CHIEF RISKE: Not many calls. We did get toned out last Tuesday night for what was called a structure fire. Upon arrival it was a very large slash pile that you could see from 95. It is open burning now as of the 20<sup>th</sup>, but we ask that everybody have the piles out by dark so that we don't get called on those. We ended up putting quite a bit of water on it just so we wouldn't get calls continuously throughout the night. That's kind of it. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: Was that slash pile attended? CHIEF RISKE: It was not an attended slash pile. The residents weren't even home. It was a machine illegal slash pile. One of the things Jason will finish up is the possibility of billing those folks for that time. CHAIRMAN MUNDT: So it wasn't logging slash? (Department of Lands) CHIEF RISKE: No it was a commercial residence; he mills timber at his house and all of the excess was then machine piled and started with an unattended propane tank (that was pretty close to the fire) with a weed burner attached. These are some things that Jason will be finishing

up. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: Is this an issue that the State Fire Marshal should get involved in? CHIEF RISKE: I don't know if it's the State Fire Marshal thing now. Jason's role being that he will look into it some more and he will finish out that report. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: I'd be curious to find out if we can charge this person for our time. CHIEF RISKE: It's something that he is going to look into. Again, being so new I'm not 100% what we can and cannot charge for. That's still a Jason issue with him going out. That's where I've left that. I'm just going through trying to keep up with Carmen. She has a list for me every day, it's awesome. She keeps me in line, she's super good, and she's amazing. I don't think you guys realize. That's all I have.

CHAIRMAN MUNDT: In your report you said you met with Jason and got a bunch of stuff returned. CHIEF RISKE: And you have a list of that. When I see him on Thursday I'll have him sign for it. COMMISSIONER HAUSER: Is there anything he has not returned? CHIEF RISKE: Not that I'm aware of. When he took over the job he was never issued anything, there's no record of it. That's all we've been able to do on this end. I made a list of everything he returned. CHAIRMAN MUNDT: One thing I don't see on here is the credit cards. DIST. SEC. SARANTO: I do have the credit cards. He gave those to me. CHIEF RISKE: I can add that to the list. CHAIRMAN MUNDT: That should be listed here. COMMISSIONER HAUSER: And the old phone? We did not get back the old phone. He just got a new phone. DIST. SEC. SARANTO: He broke his cell phone. It was pretty broken so we went and got Devin a new upgrade on it and he kept the old phone and I didn't even think about it so I asked him to return it and he hasn't. COMMISSIONER HAUSER: But that's MKI property. DIST. SEC. SARANTO: Yes, so we will see if we can get that from him. CHAIRMAN MUNDT: Ok, any other questions? COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: So item 18 will be the district credit cards. COMMISSIONER HAUSER: How many were there? Weren't there three of them? DIST. SEC. SARANTO: Visa, Costco, and Staples. We shredded the Costco card; he was taken off the account. We shredded his card because it had his picture on it; the other two I have in my possession. CHAIRMAN MUNDT: You said Costco and what? COMMISSIONER HAUSER: Staples.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **a. Insurance Quotes**

CHIEF RISKE: I'll start. One thing with McNeil and Company (Glen Potter) there is a huge resource that we have not utilized till last week when I asked Carmen to go in and add all of our volunteers to this program, it's free through them. It's an ELearning classroom that has 60 plus classes on there that are absolutely free. None of the classes are longer than 60 minutes, stuff the guys can do from home. There are maybe four of them that you would actually have to with an instructor here to prove your competency on them. Another huge resource that they offer (through another company they work with) is a national criminal database search, address history, terrorist watch list, sex offender registry and social security verification. These are all things that we were missing. The highest package that they have includes a ton of stuff is \$24.50. The one that we are currently using is \$105 per volunteer. It would be a huge savings to the district. Last year we spent almost \$1500 on volunteer stuff. For me with Glen you pick up the phone, he's there. The other people have not been as easy to work with or get a response from. So if I'm helping to sway or talk you guys into something this McNeil and Company through Glen Potter it's huge and it's the one that we already have. COMMISSIONER HAUSER: Have you used these before? CHIEF RISKE: I used these with Worley Fire. Worley uses these classrooms. They actually put every single volunteer through these before you are able to do anything on scene; you have to go through all the EVOT training. It gives us a break on our insurance if every single driver goes through this program that they have. So that's why Worley Fire wanted us to do that. COMMISSIONER HAUSER: To go through all these classes? CHIEF RISKE: No, just the EVOT classes, Emergency Vehicle Operation courses. COMMISSIONER HAUSER: OK. CHIEF RISKE: They go through responding in a personal vehicle, driving apparatus, the dangers of driving apparatus, learning to drive within your means, and it also kind of scares the piss and vinegar out of you because it shows you that driving to a scene faster than you should of even in your own vehicle is never a good for a volunteer. COMMISSIONER HAUSER: OK, so my point is all this is free and we've never used it before, why not? DIST. SEC. SARANTO: I was not aware of it. COMMISSIONER HAUSER: OK. CHIEF RISKE: I

didn't know we had the insurance until last BOC meeting when I was sitting in here and I went "oh crap we have McNeil and Company" So that's when I started asking questions of Carmen and Chief about it and then Chief's like yea, here's all this stuff. COMMISSIONER HAUSER: Did he know about it? I'm wondering if he knew about it and never said anything about it, we've never used it before but he knew about it. CHIEF RISKE: Not to my knowledge, but I can't speak for him. DIST. SEC. SARANTO: I don't know what he knew. CHAIRMAN MUNDT: I looked through the insurance policies. I can see that as far as cost goes VFIS is very similar to Inland Insurance, they are so close together that it is hard to distinguish. COMMISSIONER HAUSER: Costco's? Did he just say Costco or did I hear that? CHAIRMAN MUNDT: VFIS and Inland Insurance. I'm sorry if I misspoke. COMMISSIONER HAUSER: Ok. CHAIRMAN MUNDT: At any rate, ICRIMP is very incomplete; it's only an estimate. We use to have ICRIMP as our insurance carrier, one of the reasons we left is because Inland Insurance was offering insurance for our volunteers in their personal vehicles, to and from meetings, to and from trainings, and considering we have forty people it's actually a high potential of a problem and we saw that as a weakness with regard to ICRIMP and that's why we changed it. I don't see where that has been resolved. Even though it is less expensive, it's only an estimate and it's not even very thorough.

COMMISSIONER MUNDT moved to continue with Inland Insurance, Glen Potter, which is McNeil and Company, COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion:

CHAIRMAN MUNDT called for discussion.

COMMISSIONER HAUSER: I just like to say that's exactly how I feel. I looked through the stuff and I agree that ICRIMP, which I was very anxious to see, didn't have a lot to see. I really do like Inland and having Glen Potter, having somebody at, I think it's huge to have somebody who gives good customer service and gives you answers right away when you need them and takes good care of us, and it appears that's what he's done, and that's what Carmen has told me that he's done so I haven't been here that long, you have more knowledge of him but, I agree.

CHAIRMAN MUNDT: We asked all three companies to come out and make a presentation to us and this is what we got and the only person that actually came and talked to us was Glen and I thought it was very thorough and has been in the past. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: As part of the discussion we're voting on the insurance would we like to include the cyber protection, which I think we should.

CHAIRMAN MUNDT: I'll modify my motion to include the cyber insurance with Inland Insurance coverage. COMMISSIONER HAUSER 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion: **Motion Carried**

#### **b. New tender**

CHIEF RISKE: Gave a report on the new tender.  
See Attachment A.

CHAIRMAN MUNDT: There are a couple other things that are important that we should include on the list. First of all we should put an onboard compressor to keep the air system charged. Both our engine and tender have them and that's part of the reason for plugging them in there's a little tiny compressor that keeps the system charged so you don't have to wait for it to charge up in the building. It's really bad to run it in the building to get it to charge. The next thing I'd like to see included is tire chains. We're in a uniquely position now to have a 4 wheel drive engine and a 4 wheel drive tender and in the winter we can have those two chained up and then the other two would not need to be chained. It's been a real problem when we are in transition season where if we get mutual aid call down to town or we have to drive a distance we don't want chains on and it takes time to put them on so we end up having the truck chained up but then you have to strip them off again. Now we are uniquely positioned where we won't need to do that. We have an engine and a tender that can go either place. I do think (and I talked about this with Devin) that we need chains for all axles. The reason is the axle that wasn't chained will hold up and you'd spin out the rear, the tires that aren't chained will hold up the axle and you'd be just stuck. I plow an awful lot of snow in the area and there are a huge number of homes that we won't get to without chains. 80% of who I plow if you don't have chains, you have no business going there.

COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: You are suggesting 3 railer's on the duals? CHAIRMAN MUNDT: Yes; single chains are made for single tires. 41:41 COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: While we're talking about that I was climbing around on it and Chief Riske was with me and one thing that I noticed was the roller system which they put for the hose reel it's poorly positioned. I think it's an accident waiting to happen. Because if you climb up on a ladder and you have to step on one of those rollers, I think that it needs to be repositioned and either put one on each side, but something needs to be done. It's a safety hazard. Somebody's going to get hurt. It's not very well designed at all. CHAIRMAN MUNDT: I would like to thank you and the volunteers for taking the time and going through all this stuff and I'd like to proceed. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: I have a couple other questions. All of this list and I don't have a problem with it. Who would do the work? Would we do some of it? Do you have any idea what it would cost us? I realize lights cost money but who puts them on? Do we put them on? CHIEF RISKE: Big Country could handle the backup alarm and radio. Some of the other stuff we have volunteers could probably do. I think the lighting and the dash, the electrical, maybe we need to have somebody else do. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: Truthfully if it's under your \$2000 credit card limit I think just get it done. 43:30 CHAIRMAN MUNDT: I'm really glad to see the volunteers taking ownership here. I really want to encourage that and consequently if they are inclined to put an American flag on it I can absolutely support doing that. We do have an awful lot of room with this truck. At present we are at about \$50,000 setting this up which is less than half of what would have been if we had ordered one out. Even that one we had spec'd they wanted our truck. We had to give them the chassis and it was still \$150,000 to set it up. So Mike, how would you, you want to wait till we get prices? 44:22 COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: I think that as far as the lighting, I think some of it should get done. CHAIRMAN MUNDT: Initially I was talking to Northwest Machine about putting the tank on the truck and they only wanted to put the tank on. So I found another person (and I don't know who that is) that was willing to do the lighting and I'll try to get that information to you. The reason we went to L&M Truck and Equipment is because they would do the whole thing. They'd do the painting, everything was done and we don't have to take it from here to here to here. Ok I'll do this part but I won't do any of the plumbing, so now I have to find someone to do the plumbing and so that's why we went that way but it was one of the, I think it was out there by the mall there was a repair shop. When I contacted them they said yea, we got people in our shop that can do that. And the other choice would have been Ross Point Truck and Equipment. We've had work done years ago with them and I think they could do that kind of thing too. You might talk to both of them. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: You can put the siren on right? Is it an internally or externally mounted siren? 45:50 CHIEF RISKE: It would be externally. There's stuff Matt Bailey wants to do; he loves doing this kind of stuff and has been helping us a lot. (I included it in my Chief's Report this week) He is an invaluable out of district volunteer. He is so knowledgeable; he wants to add stuff to our truck checklist things that he feels we should be checking. Our air brake system we need to add and he was looking at the truck; he was telling me things that I'm like hold on a second you're going to have to go really slow down so I can write this down because it's stuff that we need to do. COMMISSIONER HAUSER: Who is this? CHIEF RISKE: Matt Bailey, he's one of our new guys. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: Volunteer. CHAIRMAN MUNDT: One of the things that I was talking about was the onboard compressor, there is a reservoir that builds up water that needs to be drained off, if it isn't then it starts dumping the water into the air system. It's one of the checklist things like you're talking about. A: you need to know where to look for it and B: you need to drain it. CHIEF RISKE: The guys that have been around and hang out with Bill know all that because Bill showed it to us but if we put it on the checklist everybody will know. CHAIRMAN MUNDT: I'm inclined to; I want to see the truck in service. I don't think we should take it to DOT inspection until we do all the things that we already know about. Because rather take it out there, and say oh we need lights, well we already know that so let's get that done first? COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: If you take it out there and they find stuff wrong you are not bringing it home. CHAIRMAN MUNDT: Yea, exactly. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: They will stop you right there. That happened to me.

CHAIRMAN MUNDT moved to approve the list with the additions we talked about, COMMISSIONER HAUSER 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion: **Motion carried**

## NEW BUSINESS

### a. LGIP

COMMISSONER HAUSER: Previously only Jason could transfer money to and from the LGIP account. Mary Richter who is the outside accountant and who helps with the audit recommends that we authorize Carmen to be on the LGIP account. To be able to transfer money to and from the account with emails to the three commissioners each time that occurs. The reasoning is that Carmen is the only one that is not authorized to sign checks so she can't take the money. That's the idea behind it from Mary Richter.

COMMISSONER HAUSER moved that we authorize Carmen Saranto, District Secretary to have authority and make transfers on the LGIP account. COMMISSIONER MUNDT 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion: **Motion Carried**

COMMISSIONER MUNDT: We discussed this earlier; we were supposed to be getting confirmation when transfers happen but we never did. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: I've been getting them for all the transfers for the LGIP.

### b. Chief's Search

DIST. SEC. SARANTO: This was put on the agenda by Jason; I have no idea what his intent was. I have taken some applications. COMMISSONER HAUSER: How many have we gotten? DIST. SEC. SARANTO: I have three. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: Well it's on here so let's discuss it. How do we want to proceed with the search when we get applications? Do we want to have a two or three person committee to review them and present the prominent ones? COMMISSIONER MUNDT: I guess it depends on how many applications we get. I absolutely feel like the volunteers should have a representative on the review committee. Do we want to have a workshop after the deadline has passed and let interested parties come? COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: What was the deadline for applications? COMMISSONER HAUSER: Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. COMMISSIONER MUNDT: What's the following Tuesday after November 4<sup>th</sup>? COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: That's Election Day. COMMISSIONER MUNDT: What I'd like to do is schedule a workshop; anybody that comes we'll go through the applications and then we'll decide recommendations for interviews. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: Well if there's more than one of us there it has to be a special meeting. COMMISSIONER MUNDT: Let's pick a day that we can review them. COMMISSIONER MUNDT: We can't interfere with anybody else using the station. DIST. SEC. SARANTO: Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: So we'll set up a special meeting with one item on the agenda. COMMISSIONER MUNDT: Call it a workshop.

### c. Board of Commissioner's Meeting Calendar

COMMISSONER HAUSER: I would like to ask that we change the December 27<sup>th</sup> meeting to December 20<sup>th</sup> which is the week before. The December 27<sup>th</sup> meeting is right smack in-between Christmas and New Year's and a lot of people are away. Both of my alternates will be away and so will I. COMMISSIONER MUNDT: Fine with me I don't think we need to make a motion we just need to list it. DIST. SEC. SARANTO: I think we need a motion. COMMISSIONER MUNDT: Okay.

COMMISSIONER MUNDT moved to change the December 27<sup>th</sup> Commissioner's meeting to December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion: **Motion carried.**

### d. Chief's Compensation

KEVIN KLEINWORTH: Commissioners if I could interrupt before you do that I just wanted to come by and introduce myself; my name is Kevin Kleinworth and I'm one of your applicants for chief. I wanted to come in and meet everybody. I've turned in my application and it probably wouldn't be fair if I was here when you start talking about compensation. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: Actually the compensation is

in the ad. COMMISSIONER MUNDT: This is concerning our present chief. KEVIN KLEINWORTH: Well now I feel really dumb. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: Thank you for speaking up.

COMMISSIONER HAUSER: Carmen requested and I asked her to put it on the agenda. The chief is done working as of the 23<sup>rd</sup> and the pay period goes to the end of the month. So does he get paid when he's done working or for the entire pay period? COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: Well there's a couple ways to look at that and one is I know that anybody that is salaried works far more than 40 hours every week. I say pay him through the end of the month we're not talking about that much. COMMISSIONER HAUSER: I'm just asking the question. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: I know and I'm just giving you my personal opinion. Pay him through the end of the month. COMMISSIONER MUNDT: I can accept that if you feel strongly about it.

COMMISSIONER MUNDT moved to pay Jason Blubaum through the end of the month. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion:

COMMISSIONER MUNDT called for discussion:

COMMISSIONER HAUSER: I have talked to some people who were not happy about that. I can see it both ways; I agree with Mike to just pay him. I also have to bring up the point that there were some issues that I had and other constituents had about taking the vacation time (taking advantage of that); and then we did pay him to go to Boise to get training for his new job. COMMISSIONER MUNDT: I would also state there were times when we had big structure fires where an enormous amount of time had to be put in. So for me it's a balance between. Let's not forget all the good things that he did for us over a long period of time. For me it's not that difficult to do. COMMISSIONER HAUSER: No and it's not for me either, not really. I'm going through it at work right now with somebody who's leaving and there's discussion about it so I just wanted to basically bring up the pros and the cons; there's arguments to both sides. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: I just feel it's the right thing to do. COMMISSIONER HAUSER: I have no problem with that and I don't disagree on some levels and I'll vote for it.

COMMISSIONER MUNDT: called for roll call vote:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Chairman Mundt:	Yes
Commissioner Arhutick:	Yes
Commissioner Hauser:	Yes

### **Motion Carried**

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

TERRY MONTANYE: The reason I wanted to speak was (and I wish Jason were here) other than Larry I'm the oldest volunteer in the room. I've been on a few structure fires with Jason as chief and I don't have a lot of experience; I'm older so there was a lot of physical things that I wasn't able to do. And more than once I had wished that I had become a volunteer many years ago because Jason taught people in this department for the first time ever to go into a burning structures. To do their jobs, it never happened before with this department. Mostly because of the age of the volunteers the training just wasn't done. If I were physically able I swear to you that if Jason Blubaum said Terry get on the hose and go through that door I would because he taught me how to do those things. Training wise and education wise (and this is just my opinion) I think the other volunteers would agree with me he was an excellent chief. Now I'm not kidding myself or anybody else that Jason was not controversial. But that was Jason; that is Jason. But I think you put it on a big list of pluses and minuses the pluses far outweigh any negatives. I hope that any new chief that comes along, whoever that person may be keeps up this tradition. This is a fire department. The taxpayer's money needs to be used to the best benefit of the fire district whatever the emergency is. Jason worked towards that and he trained towards that. He inspired me personally and I know that he inspired others to do the very best they could. To be the best fireman they could be. I don't know who the new chief is going to be. I have already talked to Devon; he has my absolute full support for the time he's going to be here as the interim chief. I don't know what his

plans are for the future. I think it's a better department now than it was. I'm not finding any fault with the previous people that were here. You worked with who you got and that's just the way it is. Jason came in, demanded a lot more. It's a fence you're walking. You want volunteers and you want to drag everything out of them that you can because the community deserves that. The taxpayer deserves that. But you have to be ready to back off when you're asking too much. That's where there are a lot of arguments in this fire department, over too much training. I just know he was a damn good chief and I appreciate everything he did for me personally and everything for this fire district. Thanks.

COMMISSIONER MUNDT: The only thing that I would add is I've been here since 1980 and I've been on a lot of training burns. Jeff Welch was one of my instructors. I think it's an unfair statement to say we've never had structured training because I've had a lot of it. Part of this is the timeframe like you suggested. I can tell you that over my history we've had a lot of it.

ESTELLE DUGAN: I just started coming to the meetings this past year and I can certainly say that I admire you gentlemen for going along with paying that man for one month service. To quibble over a few days would be a disgrace to this fire department. I thought he was an outstanding fire chief, I felt safer having him the fire chief than any other time we've had a fire chief. Not discrediting the other people I just thought he was the best.

KEVIN KLEINWORTH: The outgoing chief invited me to come and introduce myself. I've known Chief Blubbaum for a while. I've been in the county for a while. I started as a cadet fire fighter 1985 in Carson City. I chased fire trucks and ambulances until I was old enough to do it for real and became a volunteer. I worked up through the volunteer ranks and became a seasonal firefighter, reserve firefighter and was on the hotshot crew for the forest service. Got hired as a Nye County Emergency Services as a logistics officer, got promoted to deputy chief and then I came up here as a district chief in here I am trying to get back to my volunteer roots as a paid Fire Chief. COMMISSIONER MUNDT: So are you currently working something? KEVIN KLEINWORTH: I'm not; I did an eight month detail with Department of Natural Resources in Olympia as a state fire emergency operations manager. I just don't want to move to Olympia, it rains a lot.

DAN HANSON: I am a retired firefighter from Orange County California, Orange County Fire Authority. I retired as a battalion chief and I would like to offer my services if you need services in applicant review, applicant interview panel and to bring some chief level questions. COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: You should be at our November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

MIKE DAWSON: In the chief's report did you guys put in about the chimney fire that we had? The reason I mentioned it is because I just had my chimney clean today because of that. I don't know if you want to put the word out in maybe the Grange newsletter. We had a chimney fire at one of our former commissioner's houses. Bill and Dave Hartman were on scene probably within 10-15 minutes, and I have to say if it weren't for Devon and Chad Mastin that fire would have gone through that guy's attic. Five minutes longer and that house would have been pretty involved; we owe these guys a lot of credit. It was pretty amazing to get there and see how close they got, it turns out that may have been caused by their chimney sweep because they just had their chimney done the week before. Pending the investigation there's a chance that may have been caused by them. COMMISSIONER MUNDT: We do have brushes here that people can come and use. MIKE DAWSON: I think kudos to Devon and Chad because they went into the attic, they were on the roof and they saved that guy's house. I just wanted people to know that; I call that a huge save.

CHIEF RISKE: One thing I want to add to Terry's comment really quick is that I am where I am today as interim chief because of you and because of commissioners putting money into me as an out of district volunteer. I am where I am today because of the training he did offer. Terry sells himself short; we look up to Terry around here. He's one of those guys that when you see him (he's like Bill) that everything feels kind of safe and right again because you have that seniority around and that stability. Being a lieutenant and going on to scene somewhere knowing that I have Terry or Bill there is huge. So he does sell himself a little short sometimes.



## COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND/OR CORRESPONDENCE

COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK: Having been a former commissioner for seven years and then being gone for eight more and now I'm back and I've been here for almost a year. There's a huge change in the department. It's much more professional. I feel that overall it's more trained. We have far more certified firefighters I think than we have ever had. I'm very happy to see that. And for all the taxpayers in this district I am going to do my very best to find an applicant that will carry this forward. I have spoken with a number of taxpayers that own very large expensive homes here that are nonresidents. A big portion of our budget comes from them and they all expect what we have right now a very professional department on the EMS side and the fireside. I expect to keep their expectations fulfilled.

COMMISSIONER HAUSER: One of the things that I wanted to make clear: at the October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting we talked about giving Devon and Carmen the opportunity to call Jason when they wanted to call Jason and we would pay him \$30 an hour as an outside consultant on an as-needed basis. I think what we intended to do as well (I don't think it's clear) is we should also give them the opportunity to call other people too. It's not just limited to Jason on an as-needed basis. If he's not available you could call someone else. COMMISSIONER MUNDT: I agree and if I didn't make that clear that was my intention. In fact we're still doing that. Mary Richter is an outside consultant. John Cafferty obviously very beneficial to review the minutes and see if anything needs to be corrected. I agree with that and accept it.


COMMISSIONER MUNDT moved that you can find outside consultants to assist you as needed. COMMISSIONER HAUSER 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **Motion carried.**

COMMISSIONER MUNDT: We've done this for years; when I got my EMS certification we brought in an outside consultant and we had all the classes' right here.

## MOTION TO ADJOURN

COMMISSIONER MUNDT moved to adjourn the meeting, COMMISSIONER ARHUTICK 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **Motion Carried 07:13 and p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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District Secretary Saranto

Approved,

  
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Commissioner Larry Mundt

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Commissioner Mike Arhutick

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Commissioner Gretchen Hauser