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The 236th regular meeting of the Board for Volunteer Firefighters and Reserve Officers was convened at 9:02 A.M. in Suite #207 in the James R. Larson Forum Building by Chair Martin Spani, with Board Member Miland Walling, Board Member Debora Smith, Board Member Brian VanCamp, Board Member Phin Haglin, Executive Secretary Hailey Blankenship and former Board Member Mark Watenpaugh present.

There were no corrections to the agenda.

The Board reviewed the January 24th Board Meeting Minutes. Noting corrections that past Board Member Jay Hughes was still on the agency letterhead, Board Member Miland's name was misspelled on retirement approval, it was moved by VanCamp, seconded by Smith, and carried that the minutes be approved.

FIRST HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Watenpaugh addressed the Board letting them know about his recent run and appointment as a fire commissioner for Cowlitz County.

OLD BUSINESS

Secretary Blankenship updated the Board on the progress of the benefit enhancement project. Currently Secretary Blankenship is with working contracted legal services, the AAG's office and other state agency representatives to draft bill language that will request the administrative changes needed to bring the Volunteer Firefighters and Reserve Officers pension plan into compliance with Federal Tax Laws. The plan as it is, must be split into two separate plans; one for fire and EMS service personnel and the other for reserve law enforcement officers. If approved by the State legislature during the 2022 legislative session the Board will then have to resubmit to the IRS again for a second review of the existing plans. The Board should be able to review a final draft of the bill language at the July meeting and prepared for early legislative submittal when it opens in September.

Secretary Blankenship updated the Board on the database replacement project. Linea Solutions has hit the ground running to outline the detailed business needs to procure the solution vendor and the contract for Independent quality assurance should be finalized in the coming days. The Linea team will work with Secretary Blankenship and the project oversight team to procure the solution vendor that is expected to be early this summer with implementation to follow. The procured product will be a modern web based solution that provides ongoing updates as well as real time access to stakeholders in addition to the current methods of reporting and contacting staff with questions.

Secretary Blankenship updated the board on the LODD Benefit under review for Alan Basso. Medical records were received and sent for an independent medical records review. It is expected to take approximately three weeks. Once results are received back a decision can be made on whether to uphold the denial or if Mrs. Basso wishes to proceed with an appeals hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the Secretary's leave and pay records

The Board reviewed and approved (VanCamp moved, Waling seconded) the administrative expenditure vouchers numbered #02516 through #02586 and various travel vouchers.

There was a motion by Walling, seconded by VanCamp and carried that the retirement pensions and lump-sum settlements listed below be approved effective on the listed dates:

PARTICIPANT	DEPARTMENT	EFFECTIVE	AMOUNT
BRADLEY ANDERSON	WHATCOM 16	7/14/2021	253.20 J/S
BRIAN ANDERSON	SNOHOMISH 16	4/1/2022	300.00
MARNIE ANDERSON	SNOHOMISH 16	4/1/2022	300.00
RICHARD ANDERSON	STEVENS 2	1/1/2022	259.50 J/S
MIKE ASHER	CHELAN 8	1/1/2022	300.00
FRANKLIN W. BETZ	SPOKANE 3	3/5/2022	300.00
JOSE BLAZQUEZ	CHELAN 6	12/29/2021	270.00
MATTHEW BRUNNER	CASHMERE	4/19/2022	252.00 @63
SANDY (ALEX) CARRIZALES	YAKIMA 5	12/28/2021	2780.69 SURV LUMP
ROBERT CECIL	THURSTON 2	9/24/2020	4079.31 LUMP
VICKI CHACON	CARBONADO	12/21/2021	179.40 @64
RODNEY CLOUSE	SPOKANE 10	11/26/2021	3314.44 LUMP
ROBERT DEAL JR.	ALGONIA POLICE	2/23/2022	202.50
ROLAND DITTENHOLER	KITTITAS F & R	1/13/2022	300.00
DESMOND DOSS JR	ILWACO	12/31/2021	3313.12 LUMP
TERRY ELLISON	SKAMANIA	3/16/2022	300.00
MICHAEL FLERCHINGER	GRANT 10	2/9/2022	300.00
LAUNI FORAR	GRAYS HARBOR 1	3/7/2022	255.00 J/S
GREG GARLAND	KING 45	10/18/2021	73.50
LEONARD GRAVES	ADAMS 6	1/2/2022	2577.41 LUMP
RICHARD HANDY	SNOHOMISH 23	12/6/2017	3314.44 LUMP
ANDREW HAWKINGS	SKAGIT 8	2/2/2022	300.00
JOHN HAWKINS JR	C. KITSAP F & R	3/28/2022	300.00
AARON HAYES	THURSTON 13	3/3/2022	180.00 @60
NEIL HENZE	COLWALLA WALLA 2	1/9/2022	300.00
RONALD HENDRICKSON	YAKIMA 10	4/3/2022	3824.35 LUMP
RONALD HERMAN	LONG BEACH	6/23/2021	3073.16 LUMP @62
GAILIN HESTER	PORT ANGELES	8/30/2021	4066.35 LUMP @64
CHRISTOPHER HILL	CLARK 10	8/1/2021	4334.27 LUMP
LARRY HOCTOR	KLICKITAT 7	2/4/2022	3482.91 LUMP @62
THOMAS HUGHES	FRANKLIN 3	1/31/2022	253.20 J/S
THOMAS IRELAND	KLICKITAT 7	10/18/2021	300.00
STEVEN JOHNSON	WHATCOM 7	2/4/2022	300.00
GEORGE KARLSON	CLALLAM 3	1/1/2022	1779.98 LUMP
MICHAEL KNOPP	KING 47	4/14/2021	4334.27 LUMP
GALEN KOELZER	FRANKLIN 4	3/12/2022	230.00
DAVID LEAVENWORTH	SPOKANE 3	8/23/2021	77.00
DIANE LEIZA	CLALLAM 5	9/1/2021	172.50
VINCENT LINDLEY	CLALLAM 2	3/21/2021	6724.00 @60
ALAN LONG	BUCKLEY	3/17/2022	180.00 @ 60
LELA MARVIN	KLICKITAT 7	5/30/2019	6423.94 @60
CHADWICK MITTLEIDER	WESTPORT	12/2/2021	1349.34 SURV. LUMP
JOSE MORENO	KLICKITAT 10	5/13/2020	1784.70 LUMP
MELVIN MULLIGAN	N. WHATCOM F&R	2/1/2022	255.00 J/S

DANIEL MUCHISON	GRANT 4	8/4/2019	3824.35 LUMP
MARK NEVILL	EAST PIERCE F&R	1/19/2022	300.00
WALTON NICHOLAS	ISLAND 6	7/28/2017	66.50
CYNTHIA OLSEN	MASON 8	2/9/2021	148.20 @62
BRUCE OTTOSON	SPOKANE 4	2/14/2021	300.00
FREDERICK PAXSON	KLICKITAT 1	3/16/2022	300.00
MARK PETERSON	PACIFIC 3	12/14/2021	3541.30 LUMP @61
DENNIS PHILMON	ELECTRIC CITY	3/12/2022	77.00
KENNETH RATHBUN	YAKIMA 5	1/22/2022	300.00
BEVERLY RIESLAND	SKAGIT 16	11/18/2021	256.50 J/S
KENNETH RINDAL	SKAGIT 3	11/27/2021	80.50
RICHARD RUSSUM	LONG BEACH	2/10/2022	300.00
JOHN SCOTT	KITSAP 12	7/1/2021	4079.31 LUMP
SANDY SHORT	EAST JEFFERSON	1/17/2022	195.00
GARY SPOOR	SOUTH BEND	1/28/2022	228.00 @62
DWIGHT STEFFANSON	COLLEGE PLACE	5/25/2021	70.00
GARY STONE	WEST THURSTON	1/1/2022	300.00
KATHIE STRATTON	KITTITAS 8	9/13/2021	4334.27 LUMP
STEVEN STREISSGUTH	CLARK COWLITZ FR	1/8/2022	244.50 J/S
EARL STRICKLER	SPOKANE 4	2/1/2022	300.00
JOHN SNYDER	CHELAN F &R	10/1/2021	3762.14 LUMP
BENJAMIN THOMPSON	WHATCOM 19	1/1/2022	300.00
JAMES TOWERS	ISLAND 3	8/1/2021	256.50 J/S
STEVEN VLAHOVICH	KITTITAS 6	10/13/2017	5736.56 LUMP @62
JAMES WALKER	NO COUNTRY RFA	8/25/2021	276.00 @64
JAMES WALTON	COWLITZ 5	12/15/2021	300.00
MARK WANKE	GRANT 13	4/25/2022	256.50 J/S
LARRY WEAVER	THURSTON 1	9/8/2020	157.50
ROBERT WHITE	SKAGIT 17	3/11/2021	250.20 J/S
TERRY WILCOX	CLALLAM 2	6/6/2019	4079.31 LUMP
THERESE WILLIAMS	WHATCOM 7	12/21/2021	300.00
WILLIAM ZANDER	CLARK-COWLITZ RFA	8/28/2021	300.00

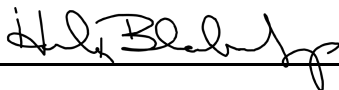
GOOD OF THE ORDER

SECOND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Watenpaugh addressed the Board and Secretary Blankenship bringing to attention the some links on the website are not functioning properly. He also engaged in conversation around the benefit enhancement and timing of when it would go into effect following all of the legal procedures to implement the changes.

Board Member Walling opened the conversation about volunteer incentives and what the agency can do to continue trying to do more for the volunteers and what the goals of the WSFFA are in assisting in those incentives. He also talked about the chiefs goals for recruitment and retention.

There was a motion by Waling, seconded by VanCamp, and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 10:59 am.



Hailey Blankenship, Executive Secretary