



**Thurston County Fire Protection District 8
SPECIAL Board of Fire Commissioners' Meeting
October 26, 2021**

MINUTES of the SPECIAL Board meeting held October 26, 2021, as a video-conference call, at the South Bay Station 8-1. Commissioners Zvirzdys, Harper, Kilpatrick, Bivens and Long were in attendance. Chief VanCamp Assistant Chief LeMay, and Secretary Stumpf also participated. The meeting was called to order at 8:01 am.

Chief VanCamp summarized the purpose of the meeting: to review the draft 2022 Budget Policy Recommendations – including the Goals and Objectives for 2022. Using a handout, Chief VanCamp briefly reviewed the proposed 2022 Goals. This led to a lengthy discussion on how to engage the public with the District Goals & Objectives. It was agreed that it would be necessary to educate the public and gain support if we were to request an excess levy to be voted in 2023.

Suggestions and comments for communication with the public included:

- Explaining our preferred service response model, including the cost and the trade-offs if it were not implemented
- To offer alternatives to our preferred service model (Chief VanCamp doesn't recommend offering choices to stakeholders.)
- Explain how the district reached a decision and why we feel this preferred service level is best
- Set a target and get a broad input from representatives of the district
- Use a professional service to assist with the project (ie. Survey)
- Attendees for a public meeting would likely be those in opposition
- Challenges with how to get input and how to reach enough representatives from the entire district

Chief VanCamp concluded that he would like to see the Board select a plan then seek support for the financial plan. Commissioner Harper offered suggestions for editing placement of Goals and Objectives. Commissioner Kilpatrick offered suggestions for FAQs and three or four bullet points to keep the message concise. He also suggested we use our regular communication methods.

Next Steps: Following the discussion, Chief VanCamp asked the Board if the Policy Recommendation was acceptable. They were generally in agreement with a few recommendations for edits. Chief VanCamp was directed to make the edits and the document will be up for adoption at the next Board meeting in November.

Adjourn:

The Board announced that next regular meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2021, beginning at 5:30 pm. There being no further business, the motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion was passed, and the meeting adjourned at 9:05 am.

ATTEST:

Gloria Zvirzdys, as Chair for TCFPD 8

Daniel Bivens as Commissioner for TCFPD 8

Douglas Kilpatrick, as Commissioner for TCFPD 8

William Harper, as Commissioner for TCFPD 8

Pamela Long, as Commissioner for TCFPD 8

Heidi Stumpf, District Secretary for TCFPD 8