**Warrenton Fire Protection District**

**Board of Directors Open Session Meeting**

**July 15, 2025**

The Warrenton Fire Protection District’s Open Session Board of Directors Meeting was held on July 15, 2025 at Station 2, 26625 S Highway 47, Warrenton.

The Open Session was called to order by Vice-Chairman Owenby at 7:00 PM.

**Board of Directors Present**

Vice-Chairman Owenby, Director McIntosh, Director Booth and Director Herrmann. A quorum was present.

**Others Present**

Office Manager Benn, Asst Chief Smith, Fire Marshall Determann, Captain Dunn, Captain Dabbs.

Members of the public present: Rick Rognan, Martin Ghafoori, Mark Grimm.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Vice-Chairman Owenby to approve agenda after removing old business bond update since this will be covered in new business. Motion carried with no objections.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

All members present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Previous Minutes**

Motion by Director Booth to approve June meeting minutes. Director Herrmann 2nd. Motion carried with no objections.

**Approval of Payment of Bills**

Motion by Director McIntosh to approve payment of bills. Motion carried with no objections.

**Review of Treasurer’s Report**

Board members accepted the treasury report as presented.

Rick Rognan discussed Overtime and how the new tax breaks will impact the district. Rick Rognan presented the June 30, 2025 financial reports. Rick Rognan also discussed the new tax rates.

**Public Comments**

None

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Martin Ghafoori discussed the General Obligation bond pricing results. Assessment growth was more than anticipated. Project funds deposit will be around $9.6 million after all fees are taken out. He presented Bond 2025-04 AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2025. Director McIntosh made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-04 and read into record. Director Booth 2nd. Roll call vote: Motion passed and unanimously carried 4-0.

Vice-Chairman called for a 10-minute recess at 7:44PM.

Meeting called back to order by Vice-Chairman Owenby at 7:54PM.

Chief Hayeslip discussed investing the funds from the bond through Stifel. First State Community Bank had a 3.24 interest rate while we can get higher through Stifel/UMB Bank. Motion made by Director Booth to allow Stifel to invest bond funds. Director Herrmann 2nd.

Roll call vote: Motion passed and unanimously carried 4-0.

Resolution 2025-05 Holding Public Hearing on Tax Rates. Tax hearing to be held on Tuesday, August 19 at 6:45PM. Motion by Director Booth to approve Resolution. Director McIntosh 2nd.

 Roll call vote: Motion passed and unanimously carried 4-0.

Payment to Board of Directors according to state statutes. Chief discussed the rate maximums. Brief discussion between Board Directors. Motion made by Director Booth to approve adjusting 2026 budget to reflect payment to Board of Directors starting January 2026 according to state Statute 321.19. Director McIntosh 2nd.

Roll call vote: Motion passed and carried 3-0 with Vice-Chairman Owenby abstaining.

**Committee Report- Building and Grounds**

Captain Dabbs presented bids received for concrete work at Station 2. Noted that all projects out for bid came in way under anticipated budget amounts. Committee recommends TS Banze for concrete project costing $375,226.50. Since the bid is under budget, we are going to get 8” thick concrete around the station due to major deterioration last time. Motion by Director McIntosh to accept the recommendation from the Building and Grounds committee on using TS Banze for the concrete project. Director Booth 2nd.

Roll call vote: Motion passed and unanimously carried 4-0.

Captain Dabbs presented bids for HVAC needed at Station 2. Need for a water heater, 2-4 ton AC Lennox AC units and 5 PTAC units. Bids from BNB Cooling, Schraer and Survant. Committee recommends BNB Cooling due to being the least expensive at $34K. Next lowest bid came in at $36K. Motion by Director Booth to accept the recommendation of the Building and Grounds committee to use BNB Cooling for HVAC project. Director Herrmann 2nd.

Roll call vote: Motion passed and unanimously carried 4-0.

Next Captain Dabbs discussed furniture needs in the station. Dream Seat furnishes fire districts all over. For 4 new recliners, 6 kitchen table chairs, 4 bar stools and a kitchen table, cost is $12,884.04. We can just duplicate this furniture order when station 1 gets to that point. Beds will come from a local dealer at the outlet mall. All chairs made from Dream Seat are made to last. You can remove the headrest cover for the chair to replace due to wear as needed. Rick Rognan mentioned that since the bid is over $10K, we need to go out for bid or break the bid up into sections not to exceed $10K. Table this project until the next board meeting to finalize the bids.

**Committee Report- Equipment and Maintenance**

Captain Dunn discussed activities over the past month.

1409 is still in the shop but will hopefully be done this week. Working on a plan to possibly replace the truck with something that can be multi-use for the district.

1414 was at Cummins for a month for turbo and a lot of tests. Back in service last week and running it hard to make sure all bugs are worked out.

1424 needs work and is at Station 1. Will work on that after 1409.

New engines are on order. Met with Sentinel and made change orders. Waiting on final price after change orders put in. Put together preliminary specs for replacement truck 1422.

Gov deal sales this past month at $2,680 for old equipment and other unused items.

**Committee Report- Community Outreach**

Chief reported Zach is currently working on the National Night Out in Truesdale. Fall Fest will be next.

**Committee Report – Planning**

None

**Committee Report- Membership**

Have 2 volunteers signed up for Fire 1 & 2 classes in Washington. Contract negotiations will begin soon. Contract expires 10/31/25.

**IAFF 2662 Report**

None

**Fire Marshal’s Report**

Fire Marshal Determann presented May and June 2025 permit information at the July meeting.

**Fire Chief’s Report**

The Chief reviewed calls for June.

There being no further business to conduct, Vice-Chairman Owenby adjourned the meeting at 8:51 PM.

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 Approved, Board Director