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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS **Special Board of Commissioners Meeting**

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

5:30 PM

**Coles Road Firehouse
105 Coles Road
Cromwell, CT**

A Special Board of Commissioners' meeting was held on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 5:30 PM, at the Coles Road firehouse, 105 Coles Road, Cromwell, CT, to consider and act upon Special Fire District business.

Commissioners Roger Rukowicz (President), David Colligan, Charles Epstein, Robert McIntyre, Robert Donohue, John Sokolowski and Donald Smith. Commissioners Mertie Terry and Chip Darius were absent. Also attending were Executive Director Julius Neto and Interim Fire Chief Jason Brade.

- I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM, by President Rukowicz.
- II. Approval of Agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Epstein, seconded by Commissioner Donohue and unanimously approved to accept the agenda as submitted.
- III. Public Comment. There were no public comments to report.
- IV. New Business
 - A. Welcome to New Commissioners. President Rukowicz welcomed Commissioners Smith and Sokolowski to the Commission. He encouraged them to reach out to any of the Commissioners for guidance or assistance.
 - B. New Committee Assignments. The President noted that new committee assignments were reviewed at the District Operations Committee meeting held before this meeting. He was willing to answer any questions. Copies of the list were distributed for review.
- V. Commissioners' Comments. Commissioner Epstein is hopeful that with the new Board of Commissioners, they can all put their heads together to get through the Fire Chief's assignment. It will be the fourth attempt in 10 years to choose a Fire Chief. He is hopeful they can all come together and not make the mistakes that have happened in the past.

The President thought that with the Commission in place, all the members can come together to make some changes. Anyone with ideas or thoughts were encouraged to communicate

their ideas to other members or officers to be discussed at future meetings. He wants ideas or concerns addressed by the Board members as a team.

- VI. Executive Session. A motion was made by Commissioner Epstein, seconded by Commissioner McIntyre and unanimously approved to adjourn the regular meeting at 5:34 PM and enter into Executive Session inviting the Executive Director and Interim Fire Chief into the session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Epstein, seconded by Commissioner McIntyre and unanimously approved to adjourn Executive Session at 7:53 PM.

A motion was made by Commissioner Epstein, seconded by Commissioner Sokolowski and unanimously approved to offer the Fire Chief's position to the Acting Chief Jason Brade, contingent upon the negotiations of an employment contract.

- VII. Adjournment. There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Sokolowski, seconded by Commissioner Donohue and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM.

ATTEST:

Charles R. Epstein, Secretary

Nancy Deegan
Recording Secretary

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