

Special Meeting Minutes
Spokane Regional Emergency Communications Governing Board
May 23, 2019

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chief Bryan Collins called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m. The following Board members were in attendance:

Board Members

Chief Bryan Collins (Chair) – Spokane Valley Fire Department
Chief Brian Asmus (Vice Chair) – Liberty Lake Police Department (via phone)
Ozzie Knezovich – Spokane County Sheriff's Office
Chief Cody Rohrbach – Spokane County Fire District 3 (via phone)
Chief Randy Johnson – Spokane County Fire District 4
Chief Brian Schaeffer – Spokane Fire Department
Undersheriff Dave Ellis – Spokane County Sheriff's Office
Chief Craig Meidl – Spokane Police Department (via phone)
Chief Mark Werner – Spokane Valley Police Department
Theresa Sanders – City of Spokane
Gerry Gemmill – Spokane County

Staff

Steve Reinke, SREC Executive Director
Lori Markham, SREC Deputy Director
Jeff Tower, SREC Human Resources Manager

Auxiliary Partners/Guests

Jay Atwood, Spokane Fire Department
Lt. Shawn Kendall, Spokane Police Dispatch
Amy McCormick, Spokane County 911
Kirstin Davis, Spokane County 911
Cherell Yates, Spokane County 911
Heather Wood, Spokane County 911
Laura McAloon, McAloon Law Offices
Assistant Chief Howard Johnson, SCFD 4
Chris Cavanaugh, City of Spokane
Meghann Steinolfson, City of Spokane
Erin Jacobson, Archbrite
Donnie Quitugua, SCGI (via phone)

2. Closed Meeting to Discuss Matters Related to Collective Bargaining

A. As allowed by RCW 42.30.140(4)(a)

Chair Collins closed the meeting at 7:33 a.m., and estimated the Board would open the meeting in 30 minutes. The meeting moved to open session at 8:04 a.m.

3. Action Items

A. Line Staff Pay Table

Theresa Sanders motioned to approve the line staff pay table as discussed during the closed meeting. Gerry Gemmill seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

B. MOU with AFSCME Council 2

Gerry Gemmill motioned to approve the MOU with AFSCME Council 2 as discussed during the closed meeting. Randy Johnson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

C. Administrative Policy 208

Steve Reinke said the policy was included in the Board packet. Jeff Tower explained the PTO plan, list of observed holidays, etc. Steve Reinke said adoption of the policy would allow SREC to begin presenting offer letters to non-represented employees immediately. Theresa Sanders reminded the Board the policy was just a starting point and would change as the organization evolves. Randy Johnson motioned to approve SREC Administrative Policy 208. Mark Werner seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Brian Schaeffer said previous direction from the Board was the salaries of the Deputy Director and Technical Services Manager should be different. Staff will propose a change.

Theresa Sanders asked Steve Reinke if the stand-up plan discussed in last week's meeting was ready for review. Steve Reinke explained that it was and he would send to the Board members later in the day and include it as an agenda item for next week's special meeting.

Randy Johnson stated the Fire Chiefs recently met with two Spokane City Councilmembers, producing productive conversation which led to Fire Chiefs meeting yesterday. He reiterated the Chiefs desire and philosophy was working together as one center is better and smarter than being separate. He said a letter to Council from the Chiefs restating their commitment to the regional partnership was being drafted for delivery later in the day.

Bryan Collins explained a letter from SREC to the Spokane City Council went out earlier in the week, addressing Council's questions and concerns. He said there are only a few items left to come to terms on that could easily be done with willing participants. Theresa Sanders said the City Council announced they would be holding a special meeting later in the day. Ozzie Knezovich said he has had conversations with City Council members expressing his support of the regional partnership. He stated Spokane is behind the times in this area. He also noted though he supports the regional partnership he still has concerns regarding the budget and spending of the 1/10th of 1% sales tax funds. Gerry Gemmill explained the BoCC is fully prepared to adopt a new resolution changing the makeup of the SREC Governing Board if the City opts out of the regional partnership.

There was discussion surrounding SCFD9's desire to opt out of the regional partnership. The Board discussed potential financial impacts for SCFD9 as the City would not be able to financially support them as a partner agency for dispatching services. If the operations section of the CCC Policy Board interlocal agreement is dissolved, there would be no interlocal between the City and SCFD9 for dispatching services.

Lori Markham explained the SPD Service Level Agreement (SLA) has been reviewed by counsel and would be ready for consideration by the Board's at the next meeting. The SCSO SLA is still being finalized.

4. Adjourn

Adjourned at 8:23 a.m.

The next Special Governing Board meeting is scheduled for May 30, 2019 at 0730 hours.


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