

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 20, 2023 REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF KING COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2**

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire District No. 2 was held on June 20, 2023, at Headquarters Station 28, commencing at 5:03 p.m., pursuant to proper notice. District officials in attendance, either in person or pursuant to virtual meeting software GoTo Meeting were: Commissioners Chris Elwell, Alexis Entrialgo and Ted Sitterley, Fire Chief Mike Marrs, Finance and HR Manager Trina Norsen, Assistant Chief (AC) Ray Desmarais, AC Wayne Metz, Local President Matt Ready, and District Secretary Eric Quinn, and several others as reflected on the attached attendance roster.

I. **CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE.** Chair Elwell called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. **AGENDA APPROVAL.** Commissioner Sitterley moved to approve the agenda as presented and Commissioner Entrialgo seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

III. **PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

AC Metz presented the call summary reports. There were various shootings, one at the Schneider apartments that may have been unintentionally self-inflicted. There was another shooting at a Dollar Store. All of these resulted in transports.

There were also some motor vehicle accidents (MVAs), one which involved a motorcycle and a fatality. The crews handled residential fires well, as usual. Also, a suspected DUI driver hit a Medic 1 apparatus that responds out of Station 28, which resulted in the apparatus being out of service for a few hours. There were no injuries.

AC Desmarais made the announcements:

- **June 21, 2023** is slated to be the PSERN Switch to Digital
- On **June 27, 2023**, graduation for Recruit Academy 16 will be held at 6:00 p.m. at River of Life Fellowship in Kent
- On **June 28, 2023** there will be a promotional Ceremony for BC Zimnisky (9:00 a.m. at Station 28)

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT.** There was none.

V. **CORRESPONDENCE.** There was none.

VI. **I.A.F.F. LOCAL 1461 COMMENTS.** Local President Matt Ready gave comments. He is looking forward to meeting with the commissioners.

VII. **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS.** AC Ray Desmarais delivered the chief's report as follows:

OPERATIONS. AC Metz provided an update from operations. He provided training highlights for Engine 329, which went to a live-fire training. We sent two folks to their annual swim test. There was also training involving fire pumps. Some captains have

been sent to training and SKCFTC, which includes but is not limited to blue card training. AC Metz indicating that two recruits are graduating academy soon. Our new job posting went live through National Testing Network. The announcement will close on August 24, 2023.

FIRE PREVENTION.

AC Desmarais reported on some fires. There was a recent arrest made for an arson. There is a subsequent arson investigation being made next to the location of the aforementioned arson. There have been some great stops by the crews. Lithium batteries are kind of a “hot topic” in the fire service. There has been an uptick in fires resulting from lithium battery use. There were 36 last year and 15 so far this year in the city of Seattle. We have added a plus one code to our reporting software to capture Li Battery fires specifically.

The district will be taking part in the Normandy Park parade for July 4 but we have not heard back from the City of Burien. AC Desmarais discussed public engagement with respect to July 4 safety, which includes but is not limited to engagement on social media.

There is a pending decision on firework-stand approval in the city of Normandy Park. Currently the city is not sure that its municipal code allows for firework stands. The FMO (Fire Marshal’s Office) has not yet issued a permit as a result. AC Desmarais had a discussion with Chief Boe on enforcement efforts this year.

FACILITIES.

There was a bid walk-thru at Stations 18 and 19 today. Captain Jason Gay provided an update on that. Three contractors and five subcontractors showed up. They took pictures and asked questions. Captain Gay discussed the tenant-improvement permitting process. The bidding process will be closing on July 13.

AC Desmarais discussed the Kitchen Hood issue at Station 28. Everything is back in working order as of yesterday.

EQUIPMENT.

Engine 328 has been throwing codes—delivering error messages. It may be an electrical issue. Vendors are trying to assign responsibility, but either way, E328 is under warranty for the work. There is no timeline as of now for its return.

PERSONNEL.

Under new business there will be a motion to approve the promotion of Chris Reed to the rank of Captain, effective July 1st, 2023. This vacancy was created with the promotion of Captain Zimmisky to the rank of BC. Chris has been in the fire service

since 1994, and with KCFD #2 since 2001. He brings well over two decades of experience to the role, and is a subject matter expert in many areas of the fire service.

Captain Troy Harris interviewed for the vacancy in the FMO created by the promotion of Tim Zimmisky to Battalion Chief. Captain Harris was offered and accepted the position as the next Captain in the FMO. The effective date of his move into the FMO will be July 1, 2023.

There was a CARES response recently for a resident on South 128th St. We are hoping that the person involved gets the help they need. Lindsay Mueller indicated that she has had numerous contacts with this particular person. This person is currently getting some support. Chief Marrs spoke about this particular person and the history behind how they came to be in the condition they are in today. Chair Elwell opined that he is glad that CARES is in operation.

Chief Marrs discussed the Prothman fire-chief recruitment process. He has received input from the commissioners regarding a job posting.

OTHER.

There has been an adjustment by SKFTC of its budget for the second half of 2023. KCFD #2 will be receiving a credit of \$3,130.98 from the consortium after costs were adjusted. Some of the fee restructuring included Renton going from a Lieutenant position to a Captain position at the Consortium, South King not filling the void created by Capt. McDonald going to Vashon, Duvall not having the personnel to put anyone at the Consortium, and other issues.

EVENTS.

New recruit academy graduation will take place on June 27th at 1800 hours, at 10615 SE 216th St, Kent.

As a reminder, the July Commissioner Meetings will occur July 11th and 25th next month. These are both special meetings.

Kids Day is scheduled for September 9, 2023. Tim Zimmisky is coordinating this event.

Captain Testing will occur from Sept 19-21, 2023 at the SKCFTC.

The Strawberry Festival occurred recently and it “went off without a hitch.”

Chair Elwell had a question about lithium battery fires. AC Desmarais discussed that.

That concluded the Chief’s report.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL.

Commissioner Sitterley moved to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- **June 20, 2023 Chief's Report**
- **Meeting Minutes:** Minutes of the June 6, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
- **Voucher Approval for June 2023:**

Expense Fund: Voucher No. 230601001 through 230601085 in the amount of \$1,615,517.30 and due for payment June 30, 2023.

Commissioner Entrialgo seconded the motion, which carried 3-0.

IX. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS.** There was none.

X. **NEW BUSINESS.**

1. Motion: Permanent Appointment for Firefighter Austin Makowski

Commissioner Sitterley moved to authorize Chief Marrs to appoint Austin Makowski to a permanent Firefighter position effective June 20, 2023, as he has completed his eighteen-month probation period.

Commissioner Entrialgo seconded the motion, which carried 3-0.

2. Motion: Permanent Appointment for Firefighter Emily Stoen

Commissioner Sitterley moved to authorize Chief Marrs to appoint Emily Stoen to a permanent Firefighter position effective June 20, 2023, as she has completed her eighteen-month probation period.

Commissioner Entrialgo seconded the motion, which carried 3-0.

3. Motion: Permanent Appointment for Firefighter Joshua Causie

Commissioner Sitterley moved to authorize Chief Marrs to appoint Joshua Causie to a permanent Firefighter position effective June 20, 2023, as he has completed his eighteen-month probation period.

Commissioner Entrialgo seconded the motion, which carried 3-0.

4. Motion: Permanent Appointment for Firefighter Ryan McFarlane

Commissioner Sitterley moved to authorize Chief Marrs to appoint Ryan McFarlane to a permanent Firefighter position effective June 20, 2023, as he has completed his eighteen-month probation period.

Commissioner Entrialgo seconded the motion, which carried 3-0.

5. Motion: Permanent Appointment to Captain – Chris Reed

Commissioner Sitterley moved to authorize Chief Marrs to promote Chris Reed to a permanent Captain position. The start date for the position is July 1, 2023 with a probation period of twelve-months. This promotion is from the 2021-2023 Captain Promotional List.

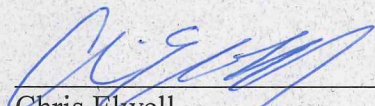
Commissioner Entrialgo seconded the motion, which carried 3-0.

- XI. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.** There was none.
- XII. **GOOD OF THE ORDER.** AC Desmarais commended Troy Harris for his good work for the department.
- XIII. **ADJOURNMENT.** Commissioner Sitterley moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:41 PM. Commissioner Entrialgo seconded. The motion carried 3-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 5:41 PM.

Attachments:

June 20, 2023 Agenda
June 20, 2023 Call Volume By Incident Type Report
June 20, 2023 Station Report

Minutes Approved: July 11, 2023


Chris Elwell
Chairman


Ted Sitterley
Commissioner


Alexis Taylor Entrialgo
Commissioner

ATTEST:


Eric T. Quinn, District Secretary