MINUTES OF THE JUNE 21, 2022 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 remotely on June 21, 2022, commencing at 5:00 p.m., pursuant to proper notice. District officials in attendance, pursuant to virtual meeting software Go To Meeting were: Commissioners Elwell, Sitterley, and Peden. Also attending virtually were: Chief Mike Marrs, Assistant Chief Ray Desmarais, Assistant Chief Wayne Metz, Trina Norsen, and Acting District Secretary Eric Quinn. Others in attendance will be shown on the Attendance Roster.

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Commissioner Elwell who led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Agenda Approval. It was moved, seconded and carried 3-0 to approve the agenda as submitted immediately prior to the meeting.

Presentations/Announcements. (1) Presentations: AC Wayne Metz presented the Call Summary Reports. He noted that calls are being presented by station now too. Calls are down by 43 as compared to last year. There was one shooting this month (a suicide) and a stabbing, resulting in superficial wounds.

(2) Announcements:

• June 24th – 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. via Zoom, presented by Quinn & Quinn, P.S. (See May issue of *The Firehouse Lawyer* for Zoom link).

Correspondence. None.

Public Comment. None.

Local 1461 Comment. President Matt Ready presented the grievance regarding Colby Cruz to the Board. Commissioner Elwell stated that the E-Board put a lot of research into the letter that was sent to the Board regarding the grievance.

Administration Reports. Chief Marrs delivered the Chief's report as follows:

Operations Report: AC Metz updated the board on operations. There are four new firefighters that have been fully integrated into their shifts. He also discussed the new recruits and where they are in the process. There was a pump simulation this week. Next month, we are sending four students and an instructor to the truck academy. Chair Elwell said he is quite pleased with the amount of recruit activity that is occurring. He also said that when the new apparatus arrives, there should be some kind of recognition of that in the community.

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The safety committee is considering a new line of SCBAs. Commissioner Peden asked whether consideration of SCBAs is uniform across Zone 3. With the cost of SCBAs going up, many of our neighboring fire departments are using the MSA brand. Other neighbors use the Scott SCBA, which is what the District currently uses. The Safety Committee will be doing a comparison between the MSA and the Scott SCBAs.

AC Demarais reported on Fire Prevention. Fourth of July is right around the corner. There have been a couple of applications for fireworks shows being considered. Normandy Park is doing its parade this year so we have committed an apparatus to that parade. There were no "crazy" fires this month, and none that required investigators to be called in. AC Desmarais discussed an unusual fire at the Dollar Tree.

Facilities. Chief Marrs and Trina are working on insurance renewal, for an 8/1 effective date, and obtaining a quote from a second insurance agency.

Equipment. N/A.

<u>Personnel.</u> There will be an executive session later in the meeting with Attorney Dave Luxenberg to discuss the district's response to the Colby Cruz grievance, which is due by June 28th.

Recruit Biesold has been removed from the academy for failure to maintain core standards. There will be a motion under New Business to officially terminate his probationary employment.

Events. There is a motion to approve the credit card resolution as requested by the State Auditor.

Due to the increase in gasoline prices, the IRS made a special adjustment to raise the mileage reimbursement to 62.5 cents per mile (up four cents) so there is a motion to approve the Resolution increasing the rate effective July 1, 2022.

Chief Marrs provided the Covid-19 update. We had our semi-monthly call with Dr. Rea. We are seeing a spike in cases. Hospital admissions are increasing. We are conducting daily testing at the stations and catching some positive cases before firefighters go on duty. Chief Marrs also discussed the district's return to work policy and how that plays out under current circumstances. No district firefighters are quarantined now. AMR has reported wait times of five or six hours (in the back of an ambulance) to deliver a patient to the emergency department. Only 7.7% of the hospital beds are Covid patients however.

The next Board meeting is on July 5th.

Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda, all of which was approved 3-0, upon a motion made by Commissioner Sitterley and seconded by Commissioner Peden, consisted of the Chief's Report, the minutes of the June 7th regular meeting, and vouchers as follows for June 2022: **Expense Fund:** Voucher No. 220601001 through 220601082 in the amount of \$1,473,075.50, due for payment on June 30, 2022.

Unfinished Business. None.

New Business. 1. <u>Motion: Resolution 2022-03, Credit Card Rules and Regulations.</u>

Commissioner Sitterley moved, and Commissioner Peden seconded, a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-03, outlining the rules and regulations regarding the District's credit cards. Motion carried, 3-0.

2. Motion: Resolution 2022-04 for Mileage Reimbursement Rate Increase.

Commissioner Sitterley moved, and Commissioner Peden seconded, a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-04, to increase Year 2022 Mileage Reimbursement rate to 62.5 cents per mile, effective July 1, 2022. Motion carried, 3-0.

3, Motion: Employment of Nickolas Biesold.

Commissioner Sitterley moved, and Commissioner Peden seconded, a motion to terminate the probationary employment of recruit Nickolas Biesold, effective immediately. Motion carried, 3-0.

Executive Session. The board convened into an executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) to discuss a union grievance. The session commenced as announced at 5:32 p.m. and was extended ten minutes at 5:47 p.m. The session concluded at 5:57 p.m., when the board reconvened in open session.

Good of the Order. None.

Adjournment. Pursuant to motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Attachments. Attached to these Minutes are copies of:

- 1. the Meeting Notice
- 2. the Meeting Agenda
- 3. the Attendance Roster
- 4. Call Summary Reports
- 5. Resolution 2022-03 re: credit card rules
- 6. Resolution 2022-04 re: IRS mileage reimbursement rate

Minutes Approved: July 5, 2022

Chris Elwell Chairman

Attest:

Joseph F. Quinn

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Joseph F. Quinn, District Secretary

Ted Sitterley

Commissioner

Rudy Peden Commissioner

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