

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 1, 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 on November 1, 2022, at Station 28, 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, and Acting District Secretary Eric Quinn and Trina Norsen. Attending in person were Fire Chief Mike Marris and Assistant Chief Ray Desmarais. Others in attendance will be shown on the Attendance Roster.

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 5:04 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: None.

(2) Announcements: None.

Correspondence. None.

Public Comment. None.

Local 1461 Comment. President Matt Ready discussed Health and Wellness of firefighters. The Local would like to participate in the discussion regarding the EAP. President Ready noted some dissatisfaction with the EAP and said there are many other options out there. He mentioned the “Call We Carry” documentary produced by Tacoma Fire and how that relates to mental health. The documentary focuses on PTSD. President Ready also asked about the status of the asbestos abatement plan.

Administration Reports. Chief Marris delivered the Chief’s report as follows:

Operational Update. None.

Fire Prevention Update. AC Desmarais reported on Fire Prevention. He will be attending the Exchange Club gathering soon.

Facilities. Chief Marris discussed the asbestos abatement, which is proceeding. He shared the original Hazmat reports with President Ready. He told him that he would be sharing the air sampling report as well. We are working on memorializing this process.

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Equipment. N/A.

Personnel. Chief Marrs said there will be a Motion for a Permanent Appointment for AC Desmarais. Ray completes his six-month probation today, November 1, 2022. Chief Marrs strongly recommends the permanent appointment, stating that Ray has really “stepped up.”

There will be a Motion to approve the 2022 Battalion Chief Promotional List; Chief Marrs congratulated all of the successful candidates.

Chief Marrs discussed the 2023 WFCAs healthcare forms. Chair Elwell needs to sign these forms. The one outstanding issue is the EAP. Chief Marrs thanked Chair Elwell for bringing up First Choice Health, which the Chief views as a “step up” from the current EAP. Both costs and service improve with First Choice. Feedback is mixed about the EAP. It is not a great long-term solution, he said, as it does not truly address *chronic* issues. The Chief said management will of course be working with the Local on this.

Chief Marrs updated the Board on the CARES car issue. We held an in-person interview with a highly qualified candidate. It turned out the candidate was not a good fit, so we will continue to work with Sound Mental Health to find the best candidates to fill the second position. We are getting a lot of “referral calls” that are low acuity; the CARES car will alleviate burdens those calls can cause on the 911 emergency system.

Events. The Board was updated on in-person and hybrid meetings options now that the Governor’s emergency declaration has expired. Chief Marrs sought the wishes of the Board. Commissioner Sitterley said he is fine either way—either all in-person or hybrid is fine. Chair Elwell agreed, although he thinks the technology needs to improve if we want to continue to encourage virtual attendance. Commissioner Peden likes the hybrid option. Chief Marrs recommended a program WFCAs is using known as an “Owl” for virtual meeting participation.

Chief Marrs gave an update on Exchange Club membership and discussed our history with that. He thanked AC Desmarais for taking that on.

Chief Marrs said the 2023 budget is on schedule, but he will let the Board know of any changes. He thanked Trina for her work on the budget. Chair Elwell said that as soon as the draft budget is available, he would like a copy so he has time to review it.

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, and the minutes of the October 18th meeting.

Unfinished Business. None.

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New Business. 1. Motion: Permanent Appointment of Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal Ray Desmarais.

Commissioner Sitterley moved, and Commissioner Peden seconded, a motion to appoint Ray Desmarais to a permanent Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal position, effective November 1, 2022, as he has completed his six-month probationary period. Motion carried, 3-0.

2. Motion: 2022 Battalion Chief Promotional List.

Commissioner Sitterley moved, and Commissioner Peden seconded, a motion to approve and authorize Chair Elwell to execute the 2022 Battalion Chief Promotional List for the period November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2024, as submitted. Motion carried, 3-0.

Executive Session. None.

Good of the Order. None.

Adjournment. Pursuant to motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Attachments. Attached to these Minutes are copies of:


1. the Meeting Notice
2. the Meeting Agenda
3. the Attendance Roster
4. EAP Proposal from First Choice
5. BC Promotional List


Minutes Approved: **November 15, 2022**



Chris Elwell (Nov 17, 2022 21:45 PST)

Chris Elwell
Chairman

Attest:


Joseph F. Quinn (Nov 16, 2022 10:22 PST)
Joseph F. Quinn, District Secretary


Ted Sitterley
Commissioner


Rudy Peden (Nov 16, 2022 14:37 PST)
Rudy Peden
Commissioner

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