

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2, 2021 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 March 2, 2021, 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 Pettigrew, Captain 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: Chief Pettigrew presented the call reports. He explained the call breakdowns on the chart. There was a slight uptick in fires in 2020. Overall, however, the call volume was down as compared to February 2020 and 2019.

There were two shootings in the district in February. Our employees treated two persons for gunshot wounds. Unfortunately, both victims died. The police are investigating. Chief Marrs said the shooting on Meyers Way was gang-related. Commissioner Peden asked if one of the locations would be designated as a dangerous location, for purposes of alerting crews. Chief Pettigrew indicated that the house was designated as such. Chief Marrs added that the district follows Zone 3 “scenes of violence” protocols.

(2) Announcements: The 2021 Winter Webinar Series by Brian Snure was announced as follows:

- March 12 – Fire Service Employment Law

April 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for Fire Commissioners to file Form F-1, the Personal Financial Affairs Statement with the Public Disclosure Commission.

**Correspondence.** None.

**Public Comment.** None.

**Local 1461 Comment.** The President of Local 1461, Matt Ready sent an email to the commissioners today. He asked if members of the local could be present when the

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finalists for the Assistant Chief position are interviewed. He also said a proposed bill in the legislature to change the LEOFF system appears to be dead.

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

**Facilities.** N/A.

**Equipment.** Chief Marris provided an update on apparatus replacements. There is a motion under the Consent Agenda to approve the Special Voucher in the amount of \$3,002,613.94 to Hughes Fire Equipment for purchase of two engines and a ladder truck, payable by March 24, 2021.

Captain Wayne Metz gave an update from Logistics. The district is doing well with PPE. The six recruits are doing well at the academy. He said 232 applications have been submitted through the National Testing Network website for the open firefighter positions. Posting will be open through March 25<sup>th</sup>.

There is a motion under the Consent Agenda to approve the surplus of four Surface tablets, which have been declared damaged by Mark Halverson (IT).

There is a motion under New Business to approve the purchase of another 6,400 N-95 masks at a cost of \$1.00 each. Commissioner Elwell noted that the price has come down quite a bit.

**Personnel.** Chair Elwell asked if there was any Zone 3 requirement that mandated vaccination for Firefighters or EMTs. Chief Marris said the medical directors did not want to push that issue at this point.

All four internal candidates for the AC position have been interviewed administratively, by Chiefs Marris and Pettigrew and Trina Norsen. Two external candidates are set to be interviewed next week. Administration hopes to narrow the field down to three candidates for a "Meet and Greet" or other process with the board. Chief Marris asked for board input on their preferred process. Chair Elwell said he thought there should be a board interview where certain questions are asked. Commissioner Sitterley stated that at the interview stage, we are trying to establish whether the person "fits" in our district work force and therefore a more informal "Meet and Greet" would suffice. Commissioner Peden voiced his concern about using a virtual meeting in this context of interviews. Chief Marris said he preferred in-person interviews. He said he would set something up for the next regular meeting of the Board for the "Meet and Greet", hopefully, and then proceed onward from there. Trina has asked that the second meeting of March be cancelled and that a Special Meeting be held instead, on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Board voiced approval of that change.

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Contract negotiations are going well . The process is moving along smoothly. Chief Marrs thanked everyone for all their hard work.

In reference to DRS Audit corrections, Chief Marrs said six retirees got their checks and returned signed releases. We are waiting for about six other retirees to respond about obtaining a release. He discussed the course of action to be taken if those retirees fail to respond to the district’s inquiries.

**Events.** The annual audit for 2019 is ongoing.

This is the final year of the district’s lid lift. Chief Marrs recommended that a lid lift election be scheduled for the 2021 election. In the past, we have scheduled the election during the primary in August, in case approval is not obtained on the first attempt, so that we could re-run the measure in November. The Board members stated that the district should put that on the ballot in August, and Chief Marrs discussed the process. He also asked the board what limit factor or lid they were comfortable with, stating that it does not have to be 6%. Chair Elwell said perhaps the district should study utilizing a benefit charge in the future.

Chief Marrs reminded the board members of the April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for filing the Form F-1.

Chief Marrs updated the board on Covid. The workforce is highly vaccinated at this point. We have also provided about 500 vaccinations in senior living facilities. He discussed the volume of record-keeping duties during the vaccination process. King County fire departments have performed vaccinations at 393 Adult Family Homes. Chair Elwell mentioned that Governor Inslee, pursuant to federal guidelines, is supporting vaccinations of teachers sooner so schools can re-open. Chiefs Marrs and Pettigrew discussed mass vaccination sites. When these open up, qualified persons will be referred there.

Chief Marrs also discussed the “equity” of a one-dose vaccine such as the one made by Johnson & Johnson. If the district receives those, they will most likely administer them to seniors. This is an interesting issue, he said, but the ultimate goal is to vaccinate as many people as possible. With “pop-up” vaccination sites and mobile sites, the situation is encouraging, Chief Marrs said. Of course, when the next category opens up there may be 500,000 people seeking vaccinations so administrative burdens may increase.

**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 Regular Meeting of February 16, 2021, the Declaration of Surplus for obsolete and/or damaged equipment not serviceable for current operations (list attached) and Special Voucher Approval as follows: **Expense**

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**Fund:** *Voucher No. 210301001* in the amount of \$3,002,613.94 due for payment by March 24, 2021.

**Unfinished Business.** None.

**New Business.** 1. Motion: Purchase of N-95 Masks.

Commissioner Sitterley moved, and Commissioner Peden seconded, a motion to approve and authorize Chief Marrs to purchase 6,400 3M 8210 N-95 masks from R.S. Hughes for a total price not to exceed \$6,400.00. Motion carried, 3-0.

**Executive Session.** None.

**Good of the Order.** Chief Marrs said North Highline Fire purchased the other aid car.

**Adjournment.** Pursuant to motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

**Attachments.** Attached to these Minutes are copies of:

1. the Meeting Notice
2. the Meeting Agenda
3. the Attendance Roster
4. R.S. Hughes Acknowledgment of order
5. Call Summary Reports for February

Minutes Approved: March 23, 2021

SIGNATURE PENDING  
Chris Elwell  
Chairman

Attest:

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Joseph F. Quinn, District Secretary

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Ted Sitterley  
Commissioner

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Rudy Peden  
Commissioner

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