

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 18, 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 May 18, 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, Assistant Chief Wayne Metz, Trina Norsen, and District Secretary Joseph 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 reviewed the call summary report for April. Apparently, lately there has been an increase in intentionally set fires; county fire investigators are investigating. Also, a person was sentenced to 13 months recently for an arson that took place about a year ago. Overall, call volume is down so far in 2021 by about 200 calls.

(2) Announcements: Rumor has it that Commissioner Elwell turns 50 on May 19th.

Correspondence. Chief Marrs reviewed a very nice thank you email string, thanking the district firefighters for the recent vaccination efforts at the Burien Farmers Market. Glowing reports are always good to hear.

Public Comment. None.

Local 1461 Comment. None.

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

Facilities. N/A.

Equipment. Assistant Chief (and former Captain) Wayne Metz updated the board on the five recruits currently at the academy. They are doing great and are rated as solidly green. They graduate in June. Their addition to staffing will balance all three shifts. We will ask for five seats at the next academy. For a Captain test in September it

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looks like there will be about 18 testing for that promotion. Our probationary firefighter is doing well too.

Chief Marrs discussed the proposed purchase of two Hurst tools for the new engines, to be purchased from LN Curtis off of the vendor list. He described these battery-operated tools as “pretty slick”. There is a motion under New Business he said.

Personnel. An update was provided on filling the vacant Logistics position. This can be done from the existing Captains. Interviews are set for May 19th. This is not a promotion, but only a re-assignment of an existing Captain. The post should be filled by June 1, 2021.

There is a motion needed under New Business to hire and make conditional offers of employment to five named candidates, to be enrolled in the next available academy. That should start around August 30th. In 2022, the plan is to run four academies and we hope to have three firefighters in each of them.

Events. Chief Marrs mentioned the Addendum to the Valley Comm agreement, which calls for a rate increase. There was pressure from the fire departments to better quantify in the interlocal agreement the level of service that Valley Comm provides. The Owner Cities said the User agencies like Burien Fire are not paying enough. The District has budgeted about \$180,000 for dispatch. We currently pay approximately \$45 per call.

Chief Marrs said the annual audit (for 2019!) is still not done. Chief Marrs discussed some of the difficulties.

Chief Marrs updated the board on the Tukwila Fire Department discussions. It is very early in the process. The focus seems to be on fire marshal services, a service area that Burien would not be able to undertake for the city.

The Labor-Management Committee meeting occurred on Thursday. Staffing and time off were discussed and particularly the staffing of Aid 318.

As for a Covid-19 update, Chief Marrs discussed vaccinations and case rate reviews. He updated the board on the Phase 3 announcement and said direction needs to be sought regarding any change in the open meetings situation.

The Chief discussed a policy and resolution, which were distributed to the board, on electronic signatures, stating that perhaps the board might want to review it first and not adopt it today.

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Chief Marrs provided an update on the DESC project, which pertains to housing. The Downtown Emergency Service Center (DESC) has proposed a new affordable housing development in downtown Burien. This relates to addressing homelessness.

It was suggested that the second meeting in June be moved from June 15th to the 22nd and the board was receptive to the idea.

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 May 4th meeting, and Voucher Approval as follows: *Expense Fund:* Voucher No. 210501001 through No.210501077 in the amount of \$1,326,448.10 due for payment May 31, 2021.

Unfinished Business. None.

Executive Session. None.

New Business. 1. Motion: Conditional Employment Offers for 5 Firefighters.

Commissioner Sitterley moved, and Commissioner Peden seconded, a motion to authorize Chief Marrs to make a conditional offer of employment to the following five individuals: Elizabeth Hagen, George Alvarez, Andrew Langbehn, Christopher Good, and William Awadjie, to be effective August 23, 2021. This conditional offer of employment is subject to each candidate's successful completion of a background check, medical and psychological tests, drug screen test, and completion of the academy. There is also a one-year probationary period. Seniority ranking will be based on the numerical position on the entry level list, which is reflected in the above list in order. Motion carried, 3-0.

2. Motion: Purchase of Hurst Tools from LN Curtis.

Commissioner Sitterley moved, and Commissioner Peden seconded, a motion to approve and authorize Chief Marrs to purchase two Hurst spreader packages and two Hurst cutter packages, including accessories and mounting equipment. The purchase is to be made off the current vendor list from LN Curtis for a total price not to exceed \$46,075, not including Washington State Sales Tax. Motion carried, 3-0.

3. Motion: Addendum No. 1 to ILA with Valley Communications Center.

Commissioner Sitterley moved, and Commissioner Peden seconded, a motion to approve and authorize Chairman Elwell to sign the Addendum No. 1 to the interlocal agreement for Emergency Dispatch Communications service with Valley Communications Center as presented. Motion carried, 3-0.

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Good of the Order. None.

Adjournment. Pursuant to motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:58 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 Report
5. Quotation from LN Curtis
6. Addendum No. 1 to ILA with Valley Comm

Minutes Approved: **June 1, 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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