

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 4, 2019 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 at Headquarters Station 28 on June 4, 2019, commencing at 5:00 p.m., pursuant to proper notice. District officials in attendance were: Commissioners Elwell, Sitterley and Peden, Chief Mike Marrs and Acting District Secretary Eric Quinn. Others in attendance are as 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.

Presentations/Announcements.

(1) Announcements:

- (a) June 7 – Retirement Celebration for Kenny Pittman at Bertha Knight Landes Room, Seattle City Hall from noon to 2:00 p.m..
- (b) June 7 – Memorial Service for “Cookie Lady” Mary Lou Grinols from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at White Center Eagles.
- (c) June 12 – KCFCA General Membership Meeting at KC Fire District #10 (dinner at 6:00 p.m., meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.) Topic – PFAS firefighting foam as a pollutant (Polyfluoroalkyl Substances).
- (d) June 15 – Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at Station 28.

(2) Presentations: Chief Marrs distributed an article on administration of CPR by a District 2 retiree and another great citizen, from the B-Town blog, and how that resulted in the donation of a defibrillator.

Correspondence. None.

Public Comment. None.

Local 1461 Comment. None.

Administration Reports. Chief Marrs delivered the Chief’s Report as follows:

Facilities. Chief Marrs reported on the ValleyCom meeting. Since Valley Com is owned by five cities, there is an “owners group” and then the rest (like fire districts) are “partner agencies”. The per call rates are different. Owner agencies get a lower rate. However, the partner agencies take on much of the risk. Regional fire authorities have been formed and include cities and fire districts in most cases. Thus, some RFA boards include city officials. Some city mayors are saying that the RFAs should not be getting owner rates from ValleyCom but should be paying partner rates. Chief Marrs said the fire districts are the “little fish” due to lack of any voting power.

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Some agencies would like to change this arrangement. The administrative board of ValleyCom has discussed using some other metric instead of a rate per call, but in all of these other metrics the fire departments would end up paying even more. There has been some discussion of reaching out to other agencies to dispatch only fire agencies. The fire departments could therefore “vote with their money”.

Equipment. Chief Marrs said there is a thermal imaging camera to be approved for surplus. See the consent agenda. The camera has been out of service since early 2018 and will be traded in to LN Curtis for a \$500 credit.

Personnel. The Chief said that under New Business there are two motions to adopt new policies. The Small and Attractive Assets Policy has been updated to incorporate recommendations of the State Auditor during the 2017 audit. The Electric Vehicle Charging Policy is new. This policy was borrowed from North Highline. The District will charge a flat fee per month to avoid any “gifting” issue. Both policies have been reviewed by legal counsel.

Events. Chief Marrs said the attorneys are starting the “meet and confer” process to review DRS discovery responses to date, prior to moving to compel production of the requested information. There may be depositions scheduled soon.

The Chief updated the board on the King County Medic One levy; the resolution of support for the levy was approved unanimously at last night’s City Council meeting, the Chief said. The presentation on the levy was well done.

The Chief said that the City Council also discussed the fireworks ordinance. The discussion was very positive. The District presented options including but not limited to: (1) the status quo, (2) rolling back the discharge times, (3) eliminating the fireworks ban altogether, and (4) increasing penalties. The City Council seemed to prefer the fourth option. There was also discussion of permitting fireworks only in a specified area, but the District did not feel that was a feasible option. They also discussed the deterrent value of a civil fine for lighting fireworks.

The District submitted its Annual Report to the State Auditor prior to the May 30th deadline. Chief Marrs thanked Trina Norsen for her work on that.

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 meeting of May 21, 2019, and the Declaration of Surplus for obsolete and/or damaged equipment not serviceable for current operations (list attached).

Executive Session. None.

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Unfinished Business. None.

New Business. 1. Motion: Small and Attractive Assets Policy.

Commissioner Sitterley moved, and Commissioner seconded, a motion to approve the Small and Attractive Assets Policy as presented, to be effective June 1, 2019. Motion carried, 3-0.

2. Motion: Electric Vehicle Charging Policy.

Commissioner Sitterley moved, and Commissioner seconded, a motion to approve the Electric Vehicle Charging Policy as presented, to be effective June 1, 2019. Motion carried, 3-0.


Good of the Order. Chairman Elwell indicated that the WFCA conference in Chelan was good. Liz Loomis gave a great presentation on communications and public relations.


Adjournment. It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, 3-0. At 5:52 p.m., after the Board reviewed and approved any necessary papers and/or vouchers, the meeting was adjourned.

Attachments. Attached to these Minutes are copies of:

1. the Meeting Notice
2. the Meeting Agenda
3. the Attendance Roster
4. Kenny Pittman retirement flyer
5. KCFCA meeting flyer
6. Memorial Service announcement for Mary Lou Grinols
7. Small and Attractive Assets Policy

Minutes Approved: June 18, 2019.


Chris Elwell
Chairman

Attest:

Joseph F. Quinn, District Secretary


Ted Sitterley
Commissioner

Excused Absence
Rudy Peden
Commissioner

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