

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 18, 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 18, 2019, commencing at 5:00 p.m., pursuant to proper notice. District officials in attendance were: Commissioners Elwell and Sitterley; Commissioner Peden was excused pursuant to a motion made by Commissioner Sitterley and seconded by Commissioner Elwell. Also attending: 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. None.

Correspondence. There was an article in the B-Town blog regarding a brush fire call that the District responded to.

Public Comment. None.

Local 1461 Comment. None.

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

Facilities. N/A.

Equipment. Chief Marrs said Ladder 29 passed its annual UL test, which is a physical inspection of the truck. The waterway may need repairs or maintenance and that may be expensive. The sales tax exemption law goes into effect on or about July 1st so the District will be transferring ownership of North Highline Fire Department equipment in July.

Personnel. The Chief said that the Captain's test is scheduled for September 16-18. Assistant Chief Pettigrew has been working very hard on organizing that. 22 firefighters are taking this test, which is great. People seem to see that there are going to be some positions opening up in the near future due to planned retirements. Reading materials are going to be released shortly. The reading materials may include but not be limited to model policies pertaining to south King County operations. Chief Pettigrew indicated that each candidate will receive the packet of materials. The test will include approximately 100 questions and there will tactical exercises too.

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Events. Chief Marrs said there is little new information about the DRS audit appeal. Attorney Dave Luxenberg said the DRS is worried about setting certain precedents if they settle. The attorney doubts the district will get a “fair shake” from the DRS. Chair Elwell asked if the district will go before an administrative law judge, if necessary, and then to superior court. Chief Marrs reaffirmed that procedure. There will be no depositions of the Fire Chief or Commissioners. Chief Marrs also discussed disagreement about the DRS response to our public records request.

Chief Marrs said approval from the cities is well under way for the King County Medic One levy. Positive news stories regarding the levy have helped, the Chief said.

The Fourth of July is almost here. The District is planning holiday operations. Chief Marrs indicated that the peak hours are between 4:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. Staffing concerns are being addressed. The District is likely going to page out an additional four 24-hour positions. The Fourth of July could cause an increase of \$20,000 in overtime alone.

Chief Marrs discussed his meeting with Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority personnel regarding their FD CARES program. He discussed data and how that impacts how much the District might benefit from the FD CARES program. Commissioner Elwell asked how the District and South King Fire & Rescue might share resources in this area of non-emergent care, limited to providing resources, education and information. Commissioner Elwell said South King and VRFA have their own iteration of an FD CARES program. He also discussed the potential for public-private partnerships like that. Chief Marrs discussed the positive aspects of such programs. He suggested fire departments may be in a unique position to identify persons in the community who need non-emergent care. Commissioner Sitterley discussed asset management, and while such programs may be an admirable pursuit, the District’s involvement in community outreach may not be an efficient use of engines and aid cars. He acknowledged there may be value in reducing “frequent flyer” calls. Historically, there was a time when fire departments did not respond to EMS calls at all. Discussion ensued to the point that the EMS-delivery model in the U.S. is broken, and programs such as FD CARES seem like a reasonable response to that crisis.

Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda, all of which was approved 2-0, upon a motion made by Commissioner Sitterley and seconded by Commissioner Elwell, consisted of the Chief’s Report, the excused absence of Commissioner Peden, the minutes of the meeting of June 4, 2019, and the Declaration of Surplus for obsolete and/or damaged equipment not serviceable for current operations (list attached) and Voucher Approval as follows: **Expense Fund:** *No. E19-443 through No. E19-529*, in the amount of \$1,170,758.19 due for payment June 28, 2019.

Executive Session. None.

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Unfinished Business. None.

New Business. None.

Good of the Order. Chair Elwell said the last King County Fire Commissioners Association meeting regarding PFABS—a type of firefighting foam—and the dangers relating to it, was eye-opening. He said five gallons of this foam can be detected one mile away from the place such foams are used. He said the District should consider this issue.

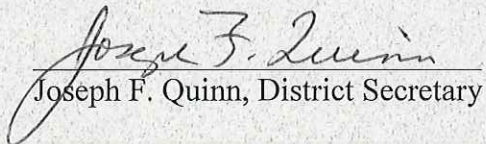
Adjournment. It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, 2-0. At 6:16 p.m., after the Board reviewed and approved any necessary papers and/or vouchers, the meeting was adjourned.

Attachments. Attached to these Minutes are copies of:

1. the Meeting Notice
2. the Meeting Agenda
3. the Attendance Roster
4. Surplus items list.

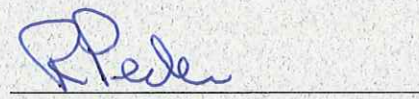
Minutes Approved: July 9, 2019.

Attest:


Joseph F. Quinn, District Secretary


Chris Elwell
Chairman


Ted Sitterley
Commissioner


Rudy Peden
Commissioner

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