

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 20, 2020 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 October 20, 2020, 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, and District Secretary Joseph Quinn.

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: None.

(2) Announcements: WFCFA Fall Webinar Series (virtual) is from 9:00 a.m. to noon on the following dates: October 23, Hot Button Legal Issues in 2020 and Beyond; October 26, PTSD, its impact on Firefighters & Resilient Ways of Coping.

October 21 – Snure Seminar (Webinar) for the 32nd Annual WFCFA pre-conference laws update. 6:00 p.m to 9:00 p.m.

Correspondence. None.

Public Comment. None.

Local 1461 Comment. None.

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

Facilities. Chief Marrs said the two air conditioning compressors at Station 28 failed and have been replaced, but the same model is used at Station 29. They will be checked to avert failure before it nears, if possible. There are two motions under New Business related to this. There is also a motion later to approve the Valley Com call rate for 2021.

Equipment. N/A.

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Personnel. The entry level application cutoff is at the end of the month. We have 273 applications received so far. The staff is very happy with National Testing. We have a broader, more diverse applicant pool than ever before.

The Chief said the two recruits in the Academy are doing well, as they have excellent marks so far.

Contract negotiations have begun. No new items may be submitted now. Many language changes are proposed. The next steps include refining the comparables and discussing the budget. Wages and other money issues will come later.

The Chief said 2021 will be the last year of the current lid lift. The tax rate is down from the full \$1.50 to \$1.32 per thousand of assessed valuation, so a lid lift may be in order in the fall of 2021 for the following years. Also, North Highline Fire has a renewal of their benefit charge on the ballot this November, so that can affect our budget and of course the wage negotiations.

Speaking of the budget, the Chief said the November 17th meeting might be a bit early for the required budget hearing this year. A special meeting just for the budget may be needed on or about November 24th. Another factor affecting budget discussions is the extra "Covid-19 expenses."

Events. Covid-19 update: There have still been no employee illnesses from the virus. We had a lot of N-95 masks, but it turned out many were FDA/NIOSH non-compliant. It turned out we had only a few hundred compliant masks. But now we have received 6400 so we have plenty again. However, PPE shortages seem to be happening in various areas. Our UV light boxes are in use, so we can stockpile N-95 masks if we need them later. The Covid-19 test site in Tukwila is operational and we are providing one firefighter (on overtime) for 6 days per week. State Department of Health is beginning training for the vaccination distribution process. No doubt the testing sites may well be turned into vaccination sites.

The Chief briefly discussed variolation and a New England Journal of Medicine article that the county doctors seem to like. A UW physician also wrote a JAMA article on herd immunity. The level of immunity in the overall population to attain herd immunity varies quite a bit, depending on the disease. Measles takes about 90% of the population being infected before herd immunity is attained. The H1N1 (swine flu) is much less—about 25%. In any event, it is estimated now that for Covid-19 herd immunity will not be attained until it reaches a level of about 60%. Sweden's very open approach has been much discussed as an attempt to attain herd immunity, but now Sweden's death rate is about 60/100,000 of population, so it is much higher than Denmark and particularly Norway, both of whom had a more cautious and closed approach to businesses, restaurants and schools. Chief Marrs said he'd send out those articles to those interested.

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Commissioner Peden asked a question about the medium used by National Testing for advertising openings, so as to reach minorities and women. A question about Christmas Outreach was asked and Chief Pettigrew answered it, saying toys are coming in from Tri-Med ambulance, that Station 29 will be used, and the goal is to help about 25 families.

Executive Session. None.

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 Voucher Approval for October: Expense Fund: No. E20-812 through No. E20-899 in the amount of \$1,197,508.62 due for payment on October 30, 2020.

Unfinished Business. None.

New Business. 1. Motion: Fee Schedule from Valley Communications Center for 2021.

Commissioner Sitterley moved, and Commissioner Peden seconded, a motion to authorize Chairman Elwell to approve the 2021 rate for each dispatchable call (\$44.33) as presented in the fee schedule to the agreement by and between Valley Communications Center and King County Fire District #2. Motion carried, 3-0.

2. Motion: CM-1 Compressor and Inverter Board Replacement.

Commissioner Sitterley moved, and Commissioner Peden seconded, a motion to approve and authorize payment to replace the CM-1 compressor and inverter board at Station 28. Service to be provided by Hermanson Company, chosen from the current vendor list, for a total price not to exceed \$11,527.62. Motion carried, 3-0.

3. Motion: CM-2 for System 69 Compressor Replacement.

Commissioner Sitterley moved, and Commissioner Peden seconded, a motion to approve and authorize payment to remove and replace the CM-2 for System 69 compressor at Station 28. Service to be provided by Hermanson Company, chosen from the current vendor list, for a total price not to exceed \$9,866.62. Motion carried, 3-0.

Good of the Order. None.

Adjournment. It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, 3-0. At 5:29 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

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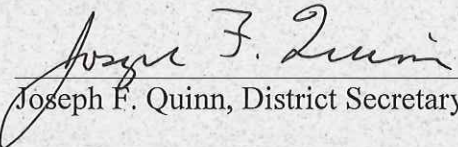
Attachments. Attached to these Minutes are copies of:

1. the Meeting Notice
2. the Meeting Agenda
3. the Attendance Roster
4. Valley Communications Agreement

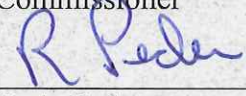
Minutes Approved: Nov 3, 2020.


Chris Elwell
Chairman

Attest:


Joseph F. Quinn, District Secretary


Ted Sitterley
Commissioner


Rudy Peden
Commissioner

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