

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 4, 2018 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 September 4, 2018, commencing at 5:00 p.m., pursuant to proper notice. District officials in attendance were: Commissioners Elwell, Peden and Sitterley, Fire Chief Mike Marrs and Assistant District Secretary Eric Quinn. Others in attendance are as shown on the Attendance Roster, attached.

I. **CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE.** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Commissioner Elwell, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

II. **PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

- a) September 6th: Commissioner Ted Sitterley's birthday
- b) September 8th: Kids' Day at Station 28 from 10 AM to 3 PM
- c) September 11th: Dedication Ceremony for 911 memorial at Station 28 (8:30 AM)
- d) September 12th: KCFCA General Membership Meeting at Burien Station 28
- e) September 27th: Written Exam for Captains Test to be held at Station 28
- f) October 25th to 27th: WFCFA 70th Annual Conference in Yakima with Snure Seminar held on Wednesday, October 24th.

III. **PUBLIC COMMENTS.** None.

IV. **CORRESPONDENCE.** See the Chief's Report.

V. **I.A.F.F. LOCAL 1461 COMMENTS.** None.

VI. **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS.** Chief Marrs delivered the Chief's Report as follows:

Chief Marrs had nothing to report under facilities or equipment.

Personnel. There will be a memorial for Doris Rogers, wife of Dick Rogers, who was a mechanic at this District. The memorial will take place at the Rogers' house.

Chief Marrs presented a commendatory letter for District FF Chris Reed for a CPR class that he taught at a church in Normandy Park. Dr. Kudenchuck, one of the medical program directors for King County Medic One, commended Chris for his work on the CPR classes he taught.

DRS Update

DRS sent out letters to District retirees, telling them that they, *not the District*, have standing to challenge the decision of the hearing examiner. Therefore, the District has some retirees who are worried about what they should do with this appeal. Again, the confusion is whether the matter is going to be forwarded to a supervisor solely to determine standing or for a consideration of the *merits* of the appeal. What the District thinks is that maybe the DRS supervisor's interpretation will solely relate to the issue of standing. Once standing is reaffirmed, the individual claims will be delayed and the District's claim will be considered first. The District assumed that it was supposed to get the supervisor's interpretation by last Monday (August 27), but the District has still not heard anything. The commissioners voiced frustration at the inconsistent positions that are being proffered by the DRS. Chief Marrs stated that he would forward the emails from the attorneys working on this matter to the DRS. Chair Elwell wanted to reaffirm that the only records the District has pertaining to this most-recent issue are emails between Chelsea—one of the attorneys working on the DRS issues—and members of the DRS, who stated that there would be some sort of interpretation that would be issued by a supervisor by *last* Monday. The Board and Chief discussed the history of the correspondence in this matter.

Written Exam for Captain's Test. See presentations and announcements.

Events. With respect to the North Highline Fire Department contract, Chief Marrs knows that there is a lot of work to be done to make sure the contract captures the intent of the parties. Chief Marrs believes he can address many of the concerns raised by Chair Elwell. The main issue is going to be "digging into the numbers" and truly determining what is fair to both sides. The incremental costs of potential construction needs to be considered. There are different interpretations of accounting that are being outlined, but the District feels confident about the status of negotiations. Julie Hiatt, commissioner at North Highline, took the District's budget and matched it up with North Highline's budget, to get an idea of a breakout on costs. North Highline is very committed to working this out; there is a range of numbers that the District feels that both sides could agree on. The District does not want to take on all of the liabilities and risk without being fairly compensated, but Chief Marrs had "all good news" with respect to the North Highline contract. Chair Elwell stated that he still really needs to sit down with the numbers, and that would be true of any spreadsheet covering these sorts of information. Most of his comments related to the wording and structure of the contract. Ultimately, as is always the case with negotiating contracts, the parties want to accomplish a fair result. North Highline understands that.

Currently, the draft contract contains an apparatus replacement fund. North Highline will still be responsible for its own stations. Chief Marrs discussed a comparison between this particular contract and those contracts between the Puget Sound RFA and other fire departments, and how this situation is somewhat different in terms of crunching numbers. The tone and tenor is that the parties want this to be a very long-term agreement. Chief Marrs stated that he would be happy to sit down with the commissioners individually to discuss the contract, over coffee. That concluded the Chief's Report.

VII. **CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL.** The Consent Agenda was approved 3-0, upon a motion made by Commissioner Sitterley and seconded by Commissioner Peden, as follows:

- a) September 4th Chief's Report;
- b) Minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 7, 2018;
- c) Minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 21, 2018;
- d) Proxy Authority Approval: 2018 WFCA Annual Conference, October 25, 2018

VIII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS.** None.

IX. **NEW BUSINESS.** Commissioner Sitterley made the following motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Peden, and passed 3-0:

Commissioner Sitterley moved to assign Firefighter Eric Williamson to a permanent firefighter position upon his completion of the one-year probation period, effective September 1, 2018.

X. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.** None.

XI. **GOOD OF THE ORDER.** None.

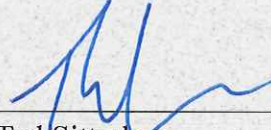
XII. **ADJOURNMENT.** Commissioner Sitterley moved to adjourn and Commissioner Peden seconded. The motion passed 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 PM.

Attached to these minutes are copies of (1) the September 4th Chief's Report; (2) the September 4th Meeting Agenda and Notice; (3) correspondence from a King County Medic One Medical Program Director, Peter J. Kudenchuck, M.D.; and (4) the meeting attendance roster.

Minutes Approved: Sept 18, 2018.



Chris Elwell
Chairman



Ted Sitterley
Commissioner



Rudy Peden
Commissioner



Joseph Quinn
District Secretary