

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 6, 2015 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 the new Station 28 on January 6, 2015, commencing at 5:00 p.m., pursuant to proper notice. The meeting was held at the new Station 28, even though it is not finally completed and fully ready for occupancy. District officials in attendance were: Commissioners Sitterley, Elwell, and Hobbick, Chief Marrs and District Secretary Joseph Quinn. Others in attendance are as shown on the Attendance Roster, attached .

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Chairman Sitterley, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Presentations/Announcements. The WFC and WFCFA Legislative Day this year is on February 10th in the state Legislative Building in Olympia. The King County Chiefs and King County Fire Commissioners Association Installation Banquet will be held January 21, 2015 at the Hilton Conference Center, 17620 International Blvd., Seattle.

Correspondence. None.

Public Comment. None.

Local 1461 Comments. None.

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

Facilities. The Chief updated the Board on station projects, stating that there was not much news. For Station 28, we should soon have a sample block with a "coating" of a 3M product, by next Wednesday or Thursday. It is actually a bonded veneer. Bayley or its subcontractor did make and install three replacement precast blocks. The Chief said they are "pretty nice", but the mortar between blocks is noticeably a different color, with the vertical mortar particularly obvious as "totally different". Commissioner Elwell asked if there is a proposal timeline or direction. Commissioner Sitterley asked if the sample provided had merit? There is a whole menu of options, he said. We should ask them to produce the whole package of options within 30 days, he said. Commissioner Elwell asked, and Chief Marrs responded affirmatively, whether OAC is now our construction manager.

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Equipment. The legal notice has been posted in the Seattle Times on January 5, 2015 for the district's participation in the 2015 MRSC Small Works Roster, and the consultant and vendor list rosters.

Personnel. The Chief said it is again time to elect the Chair and Vice Chair for the year; there will be motions later in the meeting. In discussing the new Retirement Incentive Program, Chief Marrs said four firefighters have applied for retirement. A grievance was filed December 29, 2014 and we are working on a response with legal counsel. This may come before the Board at the next meeting.

Events. The State Auditor is almost done with the audit so an exit conference is being scheduled for January 20, 2015 at the next board meeting.

The Chief updated the board on the Seattle annexation proposal. We will keep that on the agenda, but there is not much new. Seattle's own resolution provided many "escape options" for the city.

An issue of capacity for fire flow arose with Water District #49. It related to the legal right to use water, but as a practical matter the water district would never restrict the flow for fire, so there is no emergency. Water District #20 may also be able to help. A new franchise agreement may be needed. District #49 does need more reservoir capacity, as they really only have about one-third of what they need.

In December, we realized that there is no new contract with North Highline Fire District for 2014, at least, and both sides may need to consider an extension of the current agreement, i.e. the one signed in 2012. Chief Marrs said he would prefer a short-term extension to give the parties a chance to draft a replacement agreement. Meanwhile, administering two districts like this was never intended to be a long-term solution. The two districts do have different issues, such as the Seattle annexation questions, which affect North Highline much more directly than Burien Fire. Chief Marrs has had to manage two budgets, two audits, two labor contracts, etc. for several years now, so that needs to be addressed. It is good that Steve Marstrom is now available again to consult with North Highline, because then Chief Marrs does not have to be involved with negotiations on both sides of the issue. Perhaps the Board could revisit this extension issue at the January 20th meeting. Commissioner Hobbick asked why there were two Fire Chiefs, and Chief Marrs explained that Steve Marstrom is not retained by North Highline to be their Fire Chief, but only a consultant on these "consolidation" issues. The contract with North Highline, as last written, does include administrative (Chief) services provided to NHFD by Burien Fire at a cost of about \$800,000 per year. Of course, Burien Fire pays North Highline about \$2.8 million per year of our tax receipts for them to service the North Burien "annexation" area added to the City several years ago. Chief Marrs said it was his hope that he and Steve Marstrom could have something in writing for both boards to consider by the end of January. Commissioner Elwell commented that,

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at some point, it might be necessary for us to decide these issues between the two fire districts without waiting for Seattle to act.

Chief Marrs asked the Board to include an executive session at the end of the meeting, to be followed by no further business.

Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda, all of which was approved unanimously upon a motion by Commissioner Elwell, seconded by Commissioner Hobbick, consisted of: (1) The Chief's Report.

Unfinished Business. None.

New Business. 1. Motion: Chairman of the Board Nomination.
Commissioner Sitterley moved, and Commissioner Hobbick seconded, a motion to nominate Commissioner Elwell as Chairman for 2015. Motion Carried 3-0.

2. Motion: Chairman of the Board Election.
Commissioner Sitterley moved, and Commissioner Hobbick seconded, a motion to elect Commissioner Elwell as Chairman for 2015. This also means that Commissioner Elwell will be a member of the Burien Fire Pension Board. Motion Carried 3-0.

3. Motion: Vice Chairman Nomination.
Commissioner Elwell moved, and Commissioner Sitterley seconded, a motion to nominate Commissioner Hobbick for Vice Chairman for 2015. Commissioner Hobbick moved that Commissioner Sitterley also be nominated for Vice Chairman, but this was not seconded. Commissioner Sitterley clarified that he wanted to remain on the Construction Committee regardless of whether he was Chair or Vice Chair, which apparently was Commissioner Hobbick's concern. Motion carried, 3-0.

4. Motion: Vice Chairman Election.
Commissioner Sitterley moved, and Commissioner Hobbick seconded, a motion to elect Commissioner Hobbick as Vice Chairman for 2015. Motion carried, 3-0. Commissioner Hobbick thanked Commissioner Sitterley for his fine work as Chairman the last two years, including the providing of leadership on the very difficult construction issues. Commissioner Elwell echoed those sentiments.

Good of the Order. None.

Executive Session. At 5:38 p.m. the Board adjourned into an executive session or closed session under RCW 42.30.140 to discuss the status and strategy to be pursued by the district in labor contract negotiations. That session concluded at 6:13 p.m. when the board meeting was adjourned without further business, as set forth below.


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Adjournment. Commissioner Sitterley moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m. after the board reviewed and approved vouchers and papers; this was seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

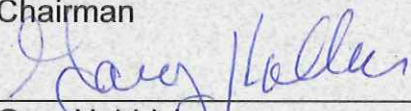
Attachments. Attached to these Minutes are copies of:

1. the Meeting Notice
2. the Meeting Agenda
3. the Attendance Roster
4. Legislative Day 2015 flyer
5. 2015 WFCA Legislative Report

Minutes Approved: Jan 20, 2015.

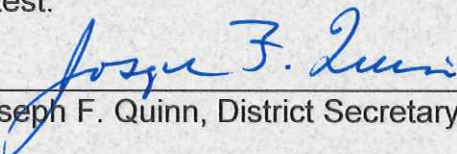


Chris Elwell
Chairman

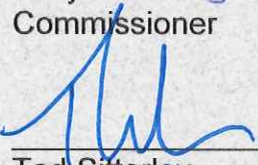


Gary Hobbick
Commissioner

Attest:



Joseph F. Quinn, District Secretary



Ted Sitterley
Commissioner

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