

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 23, 2021 SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF KING COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT  
NO. 2**

A special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire District No. 2 was held remotely on June 23, 2021, 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 and Sitterley. Commissioner Peden was excused pursuant to a unanimous motion. Also attending virtually were: Chief Mike Marrs, Assistant Chief Ray Pettigrew, Assistant Chief Wayne Metz, and Acting District Secretary Eric Quinn. Others in attendance will be 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.

**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: AC Ray Pettigrew presented the call summary report. The crews have been busy. Three shootings occurred in Burien over the last month, resulting in three fatalities. There were four victims, and the only one that survived was treated by district responders. The others, all transported by private vehicle instead of an ambulance, passed away. This demonstrates the importance of calling 911. There is currently a surge in intentionally set fires, which the district is working on. Covid contacts have dropped off substantially as none were reported in May or June.

(2) Announcements: None.

**Correspondence.** None.

**Public Comment.** None.

**Local 1461 Comment.** President Matt Ready made comments. He was on the way home from the Washington State Labor Council convention. Matt sent out emails to all of the commissioners, proposing an informal meeting with each commissioner, over a cup of coffee.

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

**Facilities.** N/A.

**Equipment.** N/A.

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**Personnel.** Assistant Chief Wayne Metz gave a glowing review of all of the five recruits that recently graduated from the academy. The District is doing well in its hiring and recruitment process. This is truly validating National Testing Network. Five more recruits are beginning fire academy on August 31. Chair Elwell commented that he was able to tune in to the graduation ceremony and was very impressed at how the District recruits performed in academy. AC Metz discussed the status of the fire academy facilities and the safety thereof.

There will be a motion to make a conditional offer of employment to Tanner Howard effective August 23, 2021 from the eligibility list. Another candidate was eliminated due to the psychological evaluation.

Chief Marris discussed staffing challenges and the number of personnel needed to fully staff Aid 318. The District and the Local are working through an MOU to address this issue, but no headway has been made on language pertaining to how to implement an increase to daily staffing. Unfortunately, Chief Marris said, he sees no value in hiring additional employees solely so that more firefighters can take their time off during the summer months.

**Events.** There will be an exit conference with the State Auditor officials, for the 2019 audit, on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

For July 4<sup>th</sup>, the District plans to upstaff with two more engines and upstaffing an aid car. We will have eight slots to fill. This coming weekend will be incredibly hot and there is no rain in the forecast prior to the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. Commissioner Sitterley asked how vigorously law enforcement will be enforcing the fireworks laws. Chief Marris said the District is going to make education on this issue a substantial priority.

Chief Marris discussed the new police reform laws that will be going into effect on July 25, 2021. This is truly going to impact fire departments. There is going to be tremendous change in the types of calls that the police will either no longer be responding to, or limitations placed on law enforcement on calls they respond to. Chief Marris believes that there will likely be some unintended consequences through passage of these laws. Chair Elwell opined that the first priority should be for the safety of our firefighters. This is a social equity issue for many people, and there will be a lot of reaction to it. Commissioner Sitterley inquired as to District policy regarding requests for assistance from law enforcement. Chief Marris discussed the various codes that the district will use when soliciting assistance of law enforcement. Commissioner Sitterley inquired as to whether this coordination will change with the passage of these new laws. Chief Marris indicated that he is hopeful that the level of coordination will not change. Ultimately the challenge is not whether law enforcement will assist Fire and EMS when they are in a dangerous situation. The real issue is who responds initially to these sorts of calls, including responses to persons experiencing a mental health crisis.

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At the end of June, the District will be done with the DRS audit matters; the District had 100% participation in the releases we requested.

**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 minutes of the June 1 meeting, the Declaration of Surplus for obsolete and/or damaged equipment not serviceable for current operations, and Voucher Approval for June as follows: **Expense Fund: Voucher No. 210601001 through 210601118**, in the amount of \$1,648,600.38, due for payment by June 30, 2021.

**Unfinished Business.** None.

**Executive Session.** None.

**New Business. 1. Motion: Conditional Employment Offer for Firefighter Position.**

Commissioner Sitterley moved, and Commissioner Elwell seconded, a motion to authorize Chief Marris to make a conditional offer of employment to Tanner Howard, to be effective August 23, 2021. This conditional offer of employment is subject to the successful completion of a background check, medical and psychological tests, drug screen test, and completion of the academy. There is also an 18-month probationary period. Motion carried, 2-0.

**2. Motion: Purchase of Bunker Gear from MES.**

Commissioner Sitterley moved, and Commissioner Elwell seconded, a motion to approve and authorize Chief Marris to purchase bunker gear from Municipal Emergency Services (MES) for the five new recruits; the purchase is to be made from the current vendor list for a total price not to exceed \$28,000. Motion carried, 2-0.

**Good of the Order.** Commissioner Sitterley highly recommended that none of us tear our bicep tendons this weekend.


**Adjournment.** Pursuant to motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

**Attachments.** Attached to these Minutes are copies of:

1. the Meeting Notice
2. the Meeting Agenda
3. the Attendance Roster
4. Call Summary Report
5. Surplus List


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Minutes Approved: July 6, 2021

  
Chris Elwell (Jul 23, 2021 11:10 PDT)

Chris Elwell  
Chairman

Attest:

  
Joseph F. Quinn, District Secretary

  
Ted Sitterley  
Commissioner

  
Rudy Peden (Jul 26, 2021 10:47 PDT)

Rudy Peden  
Commissioner

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