

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2022 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 February 8, 2022, 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 Marris, Assistant Chief Ray Pettigrew, Assistant Chief Wayne Metz, Administrator Trina Norsen, and District Secretary Joseph Quinn. Others in attendance will be shown on the Attendance Roster.

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 5:05 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.

- a. Presentations: Chief Marris mentioned that Bill Hall passed away recently. Bill was the neighbor to Station 29 in Normandy Park and was a patient that the District responded to many times later in his life. His family sent in a nice thank you letter to the fire department; Chief Marris read the letter.
- b. Announcements: None.

Public Comment. None.

Correspondence. None.

Local 1461 Comment. None.

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

Facilities. Chief Marris said the heating problem at Station 28 is getting fixed. He mentioned that there are some surplus items as part of the consent agenda.

Equipment. N/A.

Personnel. Chief Marris called upon AC Wayne Metz for an operations update. AC Metz said one firefighter recently tested positive for Covid-19 but he is recovering and had very mild symptoms. One or two crews will undergo "tree bucking training" on February 14, 2022. Also, Joe Kupferling will be doing a "train the trainer" session soon.

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He mentioned that one firefighter was undergoing surgery and might be on light duty for some time. Chief Metz also discussed hiring and interview schedules. There is an academy upcoming, and that will be completed in the August-September time frame. He also mentioned some supply chain issues related to buying bunker gear for firefighter personnel but said this is nothing that the District cannot handle. Commissioner Elwell asked a question about a recruit who tested positive for Covid-19 as to whether that person can graduate with his class from the academy. Chief Metz said that the training consortium chief indicated that it should still be possible and that the other four recruit classmates will help him to catch up. He may miss one live fire training evolution but can make it up in time.

Events. Chief Marris said the Covid-19 case count is steeply declining, but numbers are still higher than desirable. We continue to see Covid patients daily, he said. A firefighter tested positive Saturday and is in quarantine. The voluntary daily testing program is working well. Dr. Rea is still recommending the wearing of N95 masks with all patients as a precaution. Hospitalizations and deaths are not decreasing yet but have stopped increasing.

Chief Marris reported on the status of the King County Superior Court vaccine mandate litigation, in which the religious exemption process of the employers was being challenged. He said the plaintiffs' attorney withdrew the complaint without prejudice.

Chief Marris said the state audit is almost done, but an exit conference will probably be scheduled for a March meeting.

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, the meeting minutes of the special meeting of January 25, 2022, and a declaration of surplus property that is damaged or obsolete, so not serviceable for operations. Attorney Quinn advised that, when selling surplus property to district personnel it is always advisable to ensure that fair market value is received; Trina Norsen confirmed that she checked that and made sure that the price for the cellular telephone was equal to fair market value.

Unfinished Business. None.

New Business. Motion: Permanent Appointment for Five Firefighters.

Commissioner Sitterley moved, and Commissioner Peden seconded, a motion to appoint Ashley Harshell, Ethan Stuart, Austen Tschernega, Robert Lenaburg and Matthew Margot to permanent firefighter positions effective February 1, 2022 upon the completion of the one-year probationary period. Motion carried, 3-0. Chief Marris mentioned that the probationary period will be 18 months from now on. A question was

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asked about the order of seniority, and Trina Norsen clarified that the firefighters listed above are in fact listed in order of seniority.

Executive Session: Chair Elwell announced an executive session at 5:25 p.m., estimated at 30 minutes, for the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g). The session concluded at 5:55 p.m. and the Board returned to open session.


Good of the Order. Attorney Quinn mentioned that he and Eric Quinn are planning a Municipal Roundtable in late March, and due to a question asked by Chief Marrs, Quinn said they will certainly consider doing this through a Zoom meeting.

Adjournment. Pursuant to motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Attachments. Attached to these Minutes are copies of:

1. the Meeting Notice
2. the Meeting Agenda
3. the Attendance Roster
4. letter from the family of Bill Hall
5. surplus property declaration and list.

Minutes Approved: February 22, 2022.


Chris Elwell (Feb 23, 2022 07:16 PST)

Chris Elwell
Chairman


Attest:

Joseph F. Quinn
Joseph F. Quinn (Feb 22, 2022 18:56 PST)

Joseph F. Quinn, District Secretary



Ted Sitterley
Commissioner


Rudy Peden (Feb 23, 2022 21:00 PST)

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Commissioner

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