

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 18, 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 August 18, 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 Pettigrew, and Acting District Secretary Eric Quinn, as well as Captain Wayne Metz and Captain Joe Kupferling.

**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: Chief Marrs discussed the year-to-date call summary. The district has fewer calls than it did at the same time last year. ALS calls are lagging. Some concern has been expressed that people are not calling 911 even in emergencies, and this may be related to Covid-19. Chief Marrs noted that call volumes do fluctuate from year to year. There have been 70 contacts with Covid patients thus far. Of the 11 firefighters who have been tested, all tests have been negative.

(2) Announcements: None..

**Correspondence.** None.

**Public Comment.** None.

**Local 1461 Comment.** None.

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

**Facilities.** Chief Marrs discussed the Office 365 upgrades. The upgrade has been somewhat difficult but things now seem to be operating smoothly. This is a very significant project, as the district is migrating to a kcfd2.org platform, involving both Burien Fire and North Highline.

**Equipment.** Chief Marrs gave a quick update on the skid unit for the brush truck. Captain Joe Kupferling discussed the brush truck. It has water and a pump on it. The District chose Darley, which had the lowest price, the fastest delivery and the best customer service. Captain Kupferling described the features of the apparatus, including its off-road maneuverability. It was used at a fire in North Seatac Park recently. The crews are excited about the unit. Captain Kupferling thanked the Board for the opportunity to use this unit.

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Commissioner Peden asked if the unit was operated by red card members. Chief Marrs said that if the fire is local, then the district can utilize non-red card firefighters for up to 45 minutes. After that time has elapsed, red card firefighters must be utilized. Captain Kupferling confirmed that statement by Chief Marrs. Commissioner Elwell asked about when the unit would be used. The reply: this is a "Type 6" unit, which may be used in many different state-mobilization circumstances.

Chief Marrs discussed the pickup truck orders that have been delayed somewhat. This may relate to Covid-19. He also discussed the PSERN (radio communications) transition that is taking place. New radios will be needed. Commissioner Peden asked about interfacing or patching issues and Chief Marrs discussed that briefly.

**Personnel.** Chief Marrs stated that two new hires are starting at fire academy. One employment offer was rescinded as a result of a psychological evaluation. He updated the board on the Chaplain program. Chief Marrs also discussed the scoring matrix that commissioners will use during the BC testing process.

**Events.** Captain Metz updated the board on Covid-19 matters. The District will be receiving some UV light boxes for decontamination at \$1,000 each. The price has been reduced from \$2500. He reported on availability of PPE. Chief Marrs added that he appreciated information received from Commissioner Sitterley regarding Covid-19 statistics. He discussed the district's priorities in protecting its employees. Covid-19 deaths seem to be rising at a much slower rate, so he is optimistic. Commissioner Sitterley said he is also encouraged by the numbers and also the district's efficacy during this pandemic. Chair Elwell agreed. Chief Marrs indicated that testing will be increasing in South King County.

Chief Marrs discussed the WSRB re-rate. He outlined the processes used by the district to demonstrate its facilities to the WSRB. During that process, the district was determined to be in need of a new ladder truck. Consolidation with North Highline was discussed, and as a result of our consolidation the rating for that fire district has improved from a 4 to a 3. The consolidation also helped Burien to remain at a solid 3 rating, the Chief said. Normandy Park has moved very close to a 2 rating as well, which could result in a variety of savings, such as insurance rates. The use of bond money to buy a new fire truck was discussed.

Under New Business there will be a motion to name Fire Chief Mike Marrs as the agent to receive claims, if any, against the district.

Chief Marrs asked if the second meeting in September should be delayed to September 22, 2020, and board members agreed to that.

**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 August as follows: **Expense Fund:** No. E20-

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644 through No. E20-725 in the amount of \$1,250,483.97 due for payment on August 31, 2020.

**Unfinished Business.** Commissioner Peden asked if a date for labor negotiations had been chosen, and a negative answer was given.

**New Business.** Motion: Resolution 2020-05 Appointing Agent to Receive Claims Against the District.

Commissioner Sitterley moved, and Commissioner Peden seconded, a motion to approve Resolution 2020-05 appointing Chief Mike Marrs as the agent to receive any claims for damages against the district under Chapter 4.96 of the Revised Code of Washington. Commissioner Peden asked why the resolution could not simply designate the "Fire Chief" as the claims agent. Chief Marrs said legal counsel Joe Quinn said the statute requires the naming of a person, not a position. Motion carried, 3-0.

**Executive Session.** None.

**Good of the Order.** None.

**Adjournment.** It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, 3-0. At 5:52 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

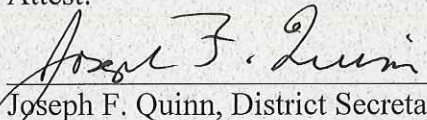
**Attachments.** Attached to these Minutes are copies of:

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

Minutes Approved: 9/22, 2020.

  
Chris Erwell  
Chairman

Attest:

  
Joseph F. Quinn, District Secretary

  
Ted Sitterley  
Commissioner

  
Rudy Peden  
Commissioner

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