

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 19, 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 May 19, 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 Elwell, Hobbick and Sitterley, 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 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Elwell, who led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Presentations/Announcements. The following event dates were announced:

- May 20 - King County Fire Commissioners Association Meeting at Station 29. Social Hour 6-7:00 p.m. and program at 7:00 p.m.
- June 6 - WFCA Seminar in Chelan at Campbell's resort
- June 13 - Awards Banquet
- June 20 - Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast
- June 20 & 21 - Burien Strawberry Festival
- June 26 - Kids' Safety Day at the ShoWare Center in Kent

Correspondence. Chief Marrs stated that a new "Term Sheet" had been received from Bayley Construction relative to Station 28, so the station update can be covered under Correspondence. The agreement on the first term sheet fell apart when Mesa was reluctant to participate. The District never felt Mesa should be part of this agreement anyway, as its contract is only with Bayley, the general contractor. The new "Term Sheet" does not include Mesa, and was discussed at length by the Board and Chief. There are certain good aspects to this term sheet. For example, all of the precast on the front of the building is going to be replaced. It is a compromise on the rest of the cladding. Chief Marrs said he has had some discussion with a precast materials supplier, to whom Bayley has also spoken. It appears that the precast may well be purchased locally, which the District prefers over buying it from Mesa, for obvious reasons.

The Chief also discussed the exchange of correspondence with Rice Fergus Miller (RFM). He noted that Robert Hutchinson of RFM did approve the substitution of Mesa as the precast supplier. We do not believe that the Project Manager, Paul Berry of Harris and Associates, knew of, or approved of, the substitution, although it seems he should have been involved as his company

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was the Owner's representative on the project. The Board expressed frustration with RFM.

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 closeout documents had been received from the Department of Labor and Industries. We are getting closer to releasing the retainage, and there are a few more warranty issues and punchlist items to finish. Commissioner Elwell asked about the dying trees on one part of the property. The Chief discussed some neighbor issues relative to trees and re-planting. Discussions have been ongoing with the landscape architect, the landscaping contractor and the neighbors. The District did what the City of Burien required (and more) relative to buffers and trees. As to the large "pine" trees that have died, we intend to pull them out and not replace them. The cedar trees that were on the property line would have died if they had not been removed. Along the south and east side of the property, there were trees or plantings that were unsuccessful. The University of Washington landscape person said it was a bad species choice. The City of Burien has said that if the neighbors want it and the District wants it (in other words, if the parties in interest agree) then those trees need not be replaced. Some may be salvaged by transplanting on the property at other locations, Chief Marrs said.

There was further discussion about a maple tree or deciduous trees adjacent to Mr. Whisman's property. The distance to the property line is an issue. A root block was installed initially so that the roots of that tree or trees would not go under the fence and interfere with the neighbor's drainfield. Such root blocks are relatively common, but may not be a permanent solution. We may relocate those trees to be safe. The Board questioned whether the landscape architect over-designed the landscape buffers as a great deal was spent on landscaping.

The Board next discussed the draft response to the RFM letter, and the comments by Commissioners Sitterley and Elwell. After some changes are finished, Chief Marrs is to sign and send the letter.

Equipment. Chief Marrs discussed the opportunity to buy 10 more SCBA air bottles at a discount, from our usual vendor. The bottles are available

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at a cost of \$800 each, when they usually cost about twice that much. There is a motion requested later in the meeting. These should last 15 years at least.

Personnel.

The District paid about \$64,000 to 12 eligible employees to buy back sick leave. This is an incentive program to encourage employees not to use sick leave, which can help save money on overtime as well. There is an accrual cap of 1800 hours, but employees can buy back any excess over the cap at a rate of 50%.

The Chief updated the Board on union contract negotiations. The parties are at impasse and mediation with PERC is being requested. The biggest issue is the management rights clause, if any. Chief Marrs said he feels we need that to run a "four station department". If the contract cannot be resolved in mediation, then interest arbitration will be needed.

Chief Marrs again discussed the relationship of that issue to the North Highline contract renewal issue. He discussed the need to curb overtime use to try for a balanced budget. He discussed possible consideration of the number of positions, succession planning, and the impact of 2016 retirements. We cannot continue to dip into reserves, he said, while discussing the Daily Cash Balance Report and the 2015 Budget sheets. We provide three-person engine companies. However, perhaps the baseline should be three stations and three engine companies, instead of four. The Chief also said he feels we need to propose a lid lift (back to the \$1.50 rate per thousand of assessed value) for the November ballot as it is already too late for the August ballot.

Commissioner Elwell pointed out that King County is proposing a fourteen (14) cent lid lift (per thousand), for six years, in addition to the limited-time (nine years) PSERN lid lift of seven (7) cents.

Events. See above under Announcements.

Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda, all of which was approved unanimously upon a motion by Commissioner Hobbick, seconded by Commissioner Sitterley, consisted of: (1) The Chief's Report and (2) Voucher Approval: (a) Expense Fund - *No. E15-289 through No. E15-353*, in the amount of \$804,964.19, due for payment May 29, 2015 and (b) Construction Fund - *No. C15-068* in the amount of \$5,320.00, due for payment May 29, 2015.

Executive Session. None.

Unfinished Business. None.

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New Business. Motion - Authorize Purchase of Ten Air Bottles. A motion was made by Commissioner Sitterley, seconded by Commissioner Hobbick, to authorize Chief Marrs to purchase ten (10) air bottles from MES, Inc. for an expenditure of \$800 per air bottle, not to exceed a total of \$8,760.00, including Washington State Sales Tax. Motion carried, 3-0.


Good of the Order. Chairman Elwell said the district will be hosting the next meeting of the King County Fire Commissioners Association tomorrow night, on May 20th, at Station 29, commencing at 6:00 p.m. The Clean Air Agency will present the program at 7:00 p.m. He asked that other commissioners try to attend and invited Chief Marrs to do a brief presentation about our district. Commissioner Elwell also noted that the PSERN lid lift was approved by voters.

Adjournment. It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, 3-0. At 6:50 p.m., after the board reviewed and approved vouchers and papers the meeting was adjourned.

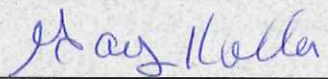
Attachments. Attached to these Minutes are copies of:

1. the Meeting Notice
2. the Meeting Agenda
3. the Attendance Roster
4. Term Sheet with Bayley
5. KCFCA announcement
6. Monthly Shift Reports for March and April
7. Daily Cash Balance Report for May 19, 2015
8. 2015 Operating Budget for General Fund/Expense
9. 2014 Operating Budget and 2014 Actual Expenses

Minutes Approved: June 2, 2015.

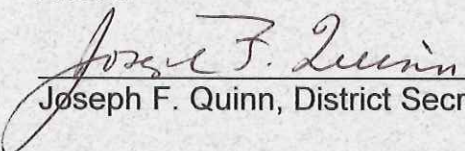


Chris Elwell
Chairman




Gary Hobbick
Commissioner

Attest:



Joseph F. Quinn, District Secretary



Ted Sitterley
Commissioner

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