

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 3, 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 February 3, 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 Marris 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. Chairman Elwell received the King County Fire Commissioners Annual Jim Jiggs Award for his outstanding support and contributions to the fire service. Commissioner Elwell expressed his appreciation to the board and district for supporting his efforts.

The WFC and WFCAL Legislative Day for 2015 is February 10, 2015 in the state Legislative Building in Olympia.

Correspondence. Correspondence was received from Burien Police Chief K. Scott Kimerer regarding the district's assistance at the Big 5 incident on December 2, 2014.

Public Comment. Lt. Doug Metz said he had some emergency contact forms for the board members to complete, as they are updating those forms for all board members.

Local 1461 Comments. None.

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

Facilities. The Chief updated the Board on station projects, stating that Bayley Construction or its subcontractor needed about three days for work on the epoxy coating proposal. Given the weather, they are not sure when it can be done as it will take three dry days or special equipment to protect against dampness. OAC is our project manager to supervise the work. Commissioner Elwell said the prevailing wage law still had to be followed.

Equipment. N/A.

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Personnel. The Chief updated the board on the status of union negotiations. There is not much new since the last meeting, he said. The union rejected our counter-proposal, but made no counter to that. We are working on a letter from our negotiator to the union. Many items in the agreement have been tentatively agreed to, and we are down now primarily to wages.

Events. Gary Hobbick's birthday is February 9, 2015.

Chief Marrs distributed the BC's Monthly Shift Report for December 2014. It was a relatively slow month.

The Board discussed moving the next meeting to Wednesday, February 18th, and it was decided to do so, pursuant to proper amended notice.

Chief Marrs updated the Board on the status of the North Highline contract with us. He and Steve Marstrom have not yet met. Steve is working on the financial analysis for North Highline Fire, both with and without such a contract in place. The Chief said perhaps the Board should consider at the February 18th meeting a motion to extend the contract for another six months, under present terms and conditions. Chief Marrs discussed the status of Seattle annexation proposals for the North Highline areas, and said they are not on a fast track at all. It may well take a year or two more for all that to be sorted out, he said. There is a hearing before the Boundary Review Board in June, at the earliest, but that only deal with the Delta Marine and "sliver by the river" parcels, which do not represent a large percentage of the North Highline assessed valuation.

The Chief also summarized his discussions with the new Burien City Manager, who should come to a Board meeting soon. The Chief informed him the district was not interested in providing a "right of first refusal" to the City with regard to the old Station 28 property. They did, however, discuss the potential need of the district for some property in north Burien, such as the park location that has been previously discussed, and which seems like a very good location for a northern station, if the City could carve out a few acres for a station.

The Chief and Board, as well as District Secretary Quinn, discussed the King County PSERN (Public Safety Emergency Radio Network) project to upgrade the radio infrastructure, and the related agreement proposed to mitigate the damage in the event of fire district pro-rationing, that might be caused by the county's temporary (nine years long) seven cent "lid lift", which is a temporary increase in the regular property tax rate in all of King County but for a limited purpose. Mr. Quinn and two other fire service attorneys negotiated the language with the county officials. Mr. Quinn admitted that the agreement does not guarantee the fire districts' tax rates under all possible scenarios, but is only

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intended to cover money lost as a direct result of the county lid lift, in the event of another recession, which would cause all rates to rise to their statutory maximums. No motion was made to approve the agreement, as the Board apparently felt there was no chance whatsoever that the lid lift would cause pro-rationing here in Burien Fire, since there is no overlapping hospital district. Commissioner Elwell also said the Fire Chiefs' Association and the King County Fire Commissioners Association had some concerns about various aspects of the project, governance of PSERN, the details of the financing, etc. They have written a letter to the county expressing their concerns and what it might take for them to support the county's efforts.

Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda, all of which was approved unanimously upon a motion by Commissioner Sitterley, seconded by Commissioner Hobbick, consisted of: (1) The Chief's Report; (2) Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2015.

Executive Session. None.

Unfinished Business. None.

New Business. None

Good of the Order. Chief Marrs distributed the State Auditor reports, which are now final. Commissioner Hobbick congratulated Chairman Elwell on receiving the Jiggs award. Commissioner Elwell said the WFCA Board has approved a bereavement uniform and that former firefighters may now be buried in that uniform upon their demise. He also said the Health Care Committee reported the WFCA health care program is fiscally sound, despite a rather big claim year. He listed the people who serve on that committee. He noted that while the WFCA PPO plan that Burien Fire personnel are on is rather expensive, they do have lesser expensive options as well. He added that, while some departments got out of the WFCA plan in the past, a lot of them have re-joined since then. Commissioner Hobbick said while the WFCA plan may be expensive it seems like the best program as benefits are even more important than wages in some ways.

Adjournment. It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, 3-0. At 6:13 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

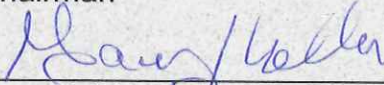
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3. the Attendance Roster
4. Letter from Burien Police Chief
5. Monthly Shift Report
6. Washington State Auditor's Reports.

Minutes Approved: Feb 18, 2015.

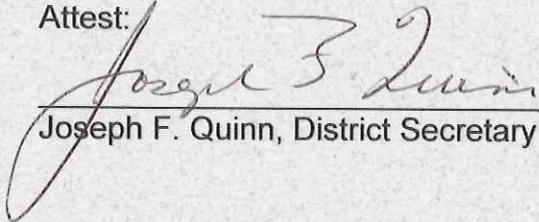


Chris Elwell
Chairman



Gary Hobbick
Commissioner

Attest:


Joseph F. Quinn, District Secretary

Ted Sitterley
Commissioner

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