MINUTES OF THE MAY 5, 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 5, 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:

- 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 After a question by Commissioner Hobbick, Chief Marrs said that Burien Fire will still have its own Kids Day.

Correspondence. 1. Letter from Washington State Boundary Review Board for King County, notifying us of the pending action by Midway Sewer District and the Argus Annexation. This was not a concern, as it has no impact on Burien Fire.

Public Comment. None.

Local 1461 Comments. None.

Executive Session. An executive session was held from 5:05 p.m. to 5:40 p.m., pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss potential litigation with legal counsel present and participating. Attorney Todd Henry participated by telephone during this session. RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) provides that an executive session may be conducted to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

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

<u>Facilities.</u> The Chief updated the Board on station projects during the aforesaid executive session and therefore had nothing to add now.

Equipment. N/A.

Personnel. The Chief updated the Board on union contract negotiations. There will be a joint declaration of impasse and a joint filing for mediation. The issues are limited to wages and the management rights clause, if any. Chief Marrs discussed the comparables, other contracts and their wage increases. Burien Fire has the best benefit package of all of the comparables. The Board wishes to maintain its employees in the top 20% of all of the comparables but not necessarily in the #1 position, as we are currently.

Chief Marrs updated the Board on the 2015 budget issues and the potential impacts of both the current budget situation and the union negotiations on the North Highline contract renewal, if any. These issues are all tied together. The latest (more accurate than in the past) tax revenue calculations, reflecting changes in the total assessed valuation of both districts (Burien and North Highline) show that Burien Fire may be over-paying by as much as \$500,000 to North Highline in 2015 if this is not addressed soon. The reason is that the old contract applied a percentage to the costs that is not really applicable any longer. Perhaps North Highline should be asked to pay approximately 50% of the Chief's salary and benefits, as that department takes roughly an equal amount of Chief Marrs' time as Burien Fire does at this point. Perhaps North Highline needs to assess what it would cost them if they had to hire their own Chief, the Fire Chief said.

Chief Marrs also discussed funding of the Training Officers as part of the participation by Burien in the Training Consortium. A B.C. costs the District about \$200,000 but we are only credited at 85% of the flat rate of \$150,000 allowed by the consortium.

It was suggested that some changes might be needed or re-organization.

Chief Marrs reminded the board to get pictures taken next week.

Events. See above under announcements.

Executive Session. See above.

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) Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2015.

Unfinished Business. The Board and Chief discussed the recent letter from Rice Fergus Miller, the architects who worked on both station projects. By motion made by Commissioner Sitterley, seconded by Commissioner Hobbick, the Board unanimously authorized Chief Marrs, assisted by Attorney Quinn, to craft a responsive letter explaining why the District is not inclined to pay any additional money to Rice Fergus Miller, due to deficiencies and problems with the work, including specifications and drawings.

New Business. None.

Good of the Order. Chairman Elwell said the district will be hosting the next meeting of the King County Fire Commissioners Association 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. Commissioner Elwell also noted that the PSERN lid lift was approved by voters.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Adjournment. Motion carried, 3-0. At 6:54 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. Daily Cash Balance Report for May 5, 2015

Minutes Approved: hune 2, 2015.

Chris Elwell
Chairman

Gary Hobbick Commissioner

Attest:

May 5, 2015

Joseph F. Quinn, District Secretary

Ted Sitterley Commissioner