

# King County Fire Protection District No. 27

## Minutes

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District No. 27 was held on March 14, 2023, at Station 152 located at 4301-334th Place SE, Fall City, Washington, 98024. The meeting was also available remotely with online video and audio conferencing.

Chairman Meredith called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

### Present:

Chairman Daniel Meredith  
Commissioner Lilly Hansen  
Commissioner Kristopher Belfield  
Chief Brian Culp  
Secretary Melinda Wall

### In Attendance:

Dave Hart

### BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

#### Public Comment Period

None

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second by Commissioner Hansen, the Board approved the Minutes of the February 13, 2023, Regular meeting and March 6, 2023, Special meeting.

MOTION CARRIED.

### WARRANTS:

Secretary Wall reported that last month the 2/21/23 payroll had an error in the total amount reported. The corrected amount was \$53,809.50, bringing total EFT transactions for February to \$152,059.35.

Chief Culp briefed the Board on the warrants and EFT transactions presented for payment, highlighting the LN Curtis invoice for bunker gear and the DNR invoice for wildland firefighting equipment.

On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second by Commissioner Belfield, the Board approved the following expenses: Vouchers No. 24247-24275 totaling \$101,923.44 and Payroll and EFT transactions totaling \$156,839.99. MOTION CARRIED.

### FINANCIAL REPORTS:

#### 2023 Budget

The Board reviewed the Monthly Budget, Bond Report and Financial Statements.

### STATION USER AGREEMENTS:

FCCA – Committee Meeting for National Night Out - 2/22/23 – (6:00 pm – 8:00 pm)\*fee waived heater not working.

Jimmy Fulton, CERT Training and Meeting - 3/5/23 (8:00 am – 4:30 pm)

NW Atlantic Salmon Fly Tying Guild Meeting - 4/15/23 - (8:30 am – 2:30 pm)

Approved

### CORRESPONDENCE:

Public Disclosure Commission – F1 Statements due 4/17/2023.

### CHIEF'S REPORT

#### Alarms:

For February 2023, the District responded to 25 Aid calls, 11 Medic calls, 9 Fire calls, and 6 service calls for 51 total calls. The year-to-date total is 121 compared to 162 in 2022

Turn-out times: February 2023 – The turn-out time standard was achieved on 26 of 47 calls which was 55.3%. The 90 percentile turn-out time was 2:22





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### Volunteer Firefighters / E-Shift Program:

- Firefighter Larson will be on an extended medical leave of absence until further notice.
- Some of our volunteers had the opportunity to go with the career staff to Woodinville for Night MCO training on a commercial building.
- Two additional recruit applicants will go through our testing tomorrow and if they make it through, we will have a total of 5 new recruits, of which two have completed their EMT and are nationally registered. Commissioner Belfield asked about the plans for the in-house academy. Chief Culp reported on his plans to move ahead with an in-house training academy.

### Career Staff:

- I have been appointed 2023 Vice-Chair of NORCOM and will become the Chair in 2024.
- I want to thank Lieutenant Bandy and C-Shift for helping with the issuing and going through our bunker gear to ensure accountability for gear.
- DC LeDoux and I had a Labor/Management meeting on March 6, 2023. Many different topics were discussed, and when we have the final minutes, we will forward them to the Commission.

### Training:

- Bellevue Fire Medic 1 will take over our QA/QI program on conducting EMS run reviews and quarterly training.
- The crews will attend ALS/BLS drills with Bellevue and ESF-R at Station 73 this month.
- The crews will conduct MCO training for active shooter drills and work with the acquired structures this month. The acquired structure training will bring the other stations to Fall City for the drills.
- Firefighters Lussier and Hillier will conduct their Swiftwater Tech certification at the month's end.
- I will attend the Blue Card 3-day course from March 21-23 at SKCFTC.
- We have ten career staff attending the Pump Academy through the SKCFTC. This is a great opportunity for our staff. SKCFTC worked with our District to ensure our staff could attend since this is under our AFG grant funding. These courses will start in April.

### Station/Equipment Projects:

- The District received eight sets of new bunker gear from LN Curtis. The gear was part of the FY21 AFG Grant, and we will be working on the reimbursement from FEMA.
- The new Aid-Car will be delivered in May. We are currently looking at the Aid-Car's markup and the radio installation to get it into service as soon as possible.
- We will purchase a camera system and get additional lighting for the back parking lot area. We will also look at the costs associated with the installation of gates in the back of the station. As soon as we have some costs for the gates, I will report back to the Commission.
- According to a meeting that I had with PSERN, we should be getting our portable radios towards the end of the month or April. FYI we have had projected dates for several years now. This is an important issue because our portable radios must be replaced soon.

### Community Involvement:

- We will have a birthday party at our station on March 25, 2023
- Fall City Days will be held on June 10, 2023
- Fall City National Night Out will be on July 29, 2023

I also want to thank Eastside Fire and Rescue, who will provide station coverage for our annual banquet on the 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be providing pizza for the Engine Company that will be covering our station.

Commissioner Belfield stated that the Lake Alice Community would be hosting a chipper day on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 08:00. He discussed promoting the Firewise program again for the neighborhoods in Fall City.





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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**2023 Ballot Measure / Future Revenue Sources**

Chief Culp provided an updated apparatus replacement schedule to the Board for review and discussion. In May, the District will be taking delivery of a new aid car which will replace the 1999 Ford Wheeled Coach aid car, which is nearly 23 years old. The District's 2004 Engine is scheduled for replacement in 2024 and the replacement cost is estimated at \$935,000. The build-out time for engines currently is expected to be between 16-36 months, depending on manufacturer and specifications. New EPA regulations also go into effect in 2027 and will impact manufacturing costs. The District's Water Tender has a thirty-year life cycle and is due for replacement in 2028. Discussion ensued on the remaining apparatus in out years beyond 2029.

Chief Culp provided a list of facility maintenance items for the next 2-10 years, which included the station roof, HVAC units, replacing carpets, resealing asphalt, and office equipment. Discussion ensued on financing costs, loan terms, and lease purchase options for a new engine.

The King County March 2023 Economic Forecast was provided to the Board. The reports showed assessed valuations and new construction declining in 2024 and 2025.

The Board discussed at length various levy rate options for this year's request. The Board discussed the timeline and variables of the engine purchase. The Board reviewed the five-year modeling projections. The Board discussed the need for future M&O levy requests. Commissioner Belfield stated that the next two years will have a lot of uncertainty in the markets and he wanted to be cautious how much we impact our citizens.

After further discussion, the Board requested some additional financing options for the engine and requested additional information on the King County Economic Forecast in relation to the annexation areas in the reports.

The Board scheduled a special meeting for March 20, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**OTHER:**

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Meredith at 8:46 p.m.

Attest:

Melinda Wall  
District Secretary

Melinda Wall

Al Meredith  
Chairman

Debbie H  
Commissioner

Kristina Belfield  
Commissioner