

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 11, 2019 at Station No. 271 located at 4301-334th PL SE in Fall City, Washington.

Chairman Meredith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Chairman Meredith
Commissioner Hansen
Commissioner Hollis
Chief Connor
Secretary Wall

In Attendance:

Lt. Koehnen
FF Springer
FF Brookshear
FF Belfield
Dave Hart
John Reeves
Dave Schiesser
George Robertson
Noel Eby
Terri Divers

Chief Clark – EFR
Jay Bluher

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Public Comment Period:

Noel Eby commented about the Proposition 1 signage, message of saving money, union wages, merger history, and district equipment.

John Reeves commented about district equipment and non-district owned property being stored on site.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second provided by Commissioner Hansen, the Board approved the minutes of the February 12, 2019 regular meeting, February 25, 2019 and March 4, 2019 special meetings. Motion Carried.

WARRANTS:

The Board reviewed the various vouchers drawn on the expense fund.

On the Motion of Commissioner Hollis and a second provided by Chairman Meredith, the Board approved the following expenses: Voucher No. 22595-22628 totaling \$35,621.86; Payroll and EFT transactions totaling \$121,424.54. Motion Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The Board reviewed the budgets and financial statements. Discussion ensued on overtime costs.

STATION USER AGREEMENTS:

NW Atlantic Salmon Fly Guild - Fly Tying Presentation, 2/23/19, 3/23/19, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Public Disclosure Commission - F1 Filing for Commissioners due 4/15/19.
Commissioner Position 2 - Candidate Filing Period - 5/13 - 5/17/19.
Letter from Terri Divers dated 3/10/19.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Alarms

In February, the District responded to 39 BLS Aid calls, 16 ALS Aid calls, 17 Fire calls and 3 Service calls for a total of 75. The fiscal year to date total at the end of the month was 312 alarms, compared to 291 in the 2019 fiscal year. The calendar year to date total at the end of the year was 144 alarms compared to 95 in 2018. The District requested mutual aid on 11 alarms of which we cancelled 5 times. The District provided mutual aid on 27 alarms of which we were cancelled 15 times.

The 01:30 turnout time standard was achieved on 46 of 70 calls which is 65.7%. The 90% turnout time was 02:00. Alarm Charts for the month were provided for review.

Volunteer Firefighters / E Shift Program

One of the four 2018 recruits will re-take the NREMT written test soon. The other three 2018 recruits have submitted applications for State EMT certification, one was just certified last week and the other two are pending, awaiting further action. One additional 2019 recruit was just certified last week by the State. The three new recruits for 2019 are continuing their fire training in conjunction with EFR on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and all day on Saturday.

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NORCOM

Chief Connor reported that he had attended the NORCOM Governing Board last Friday morning. The Principal's assembly is scheduled to occur at the April 12, 2019 meeting. A Commissioner is invited to attend if desired, the meeting may conflict with the memorial for Chief Pearson.

Shared Staffing

Shared Staffing orientation training for 2019 has been placed on hold. Orientation training which occurred in 2018 will continue to be recognized until July 1, 2019.

800 MHz. Radio Inventory

Chief Connor reported that the PSERN levy provides for the replacement of all portable, mobile and base radios which are active on the system. The new radios will probably not be available until the first quarter of 2021. An inventory has been completed and some adjustments will be made by the end of the month.

SRT Class

Chief Connor reported that a Swiftwater Rescue Class was held on March 4, 5, & 6, 2019. The class was hosted here and personnel from Fall City & Snoqualmie participated. One Fall City person attended the recert/update on the last day. One Fall City person was the lead instructor, and five Fall City personnel attended the class. There are now a total of seven SRT trained persons, including one Volunteer.

Chief Mac Pearson

Chief Connor reported that former Fire Chief Mac Pearson had passed away on Sunday January 27, 2019. The memorial service is scheduled for Friday, April 12, 2019. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 at the Preston cemetery followed by a potluck reception here at our fire station.

Other Miscellaneous

Chief Connor reported the following miscellaneous items were recently completed or are in progress: Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC) is currently out for manufacturer repair, a loaner from Snoqualmie is in place; The bluetooth printer on A152 was inadvertently deleted, the printer was added back and tested for proper operation; Four Oxygen cylinders are out for their five year hydrostatic testing; An SCBA air sample was sent to the UW lab for analysis; The Mobile Data Computer (MDC) on both E152 & A152 have experienced some connectivity issues recently. A new CF card was sent by the modem manufacturer and was installed in A152 to repair and update the unit. The modem firmware on E152 was updated to match A152; The Electronic Healthcare Record (EHR) computers (3) were updated and reconfigured; A new larger TV was installed in the kitchen; A bookshelf / cabinet unit which was installed in Room 108 was removed and discarded; A false positive virus was detected on multiple computers and required a couple of calls to the Antivirus software provider (Vipre) to fully resolve.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Fire District 10 Consolidation

Chief Connor reported that the Fire District 10 regular meeting was scheduled earlier today at 4:00 p.m. Chairman Meredith stated that he attended the meeting.

2019 Ballot Measure - Proposition No. 1

Proposed Merger into King County Fire Protection District No.10

Chief Connor reviewed with the Board the informational document from the last special meeting (3/4/19) with the updates which were discussed and agreed upon. The document also included the new Fire Benefit Charge (FBC) section that Commissioner Meredith had prepared and a new section which describes the disclaimer related to the FBC estimate. After discussion and minor edits, the Board approved the revisions to the informational document. The document will be posted on the website. Secretary Wall had no revisions to the informational mailer and will send it out for printing.

Chief Connor reviewed the letter he had forwarded to the Board from Attorney Snure regarding the possible scenarios on the Commissioner positions up for election in 2019, if the merger is approved. Discussion ensued on the options that Attorney Snure had laid out in his letter. Chief Connor stated that Attorney Snure may need to contact King County Elections to determine their interpretation of the rules. Chairman Meredith conveyed that the questions should be asked now and it may need to be a discussion for the District 10 Board or mutually discussed.

Chief Connor reported that he had attended the FCCA meeting last Tuesday evening. Nancy Moore had provided a brief report on the upcoming Proposition 1 ballot measure. Chief Connor also reminded those in attendance of the change in the regular Commissioner meeting day to the second Monday of each month. He also reported that he had been contacted by a reporter for the Valley Record and had provided information and answered questions. The reporter visited today to take a couple of photographs.

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The Local Voters Pamphlet proof was received and discussed with the Board.

Chairman Meredith addressed the report that Terri Divers had provided to the Board at the last meeting which included a variety of parcels and pointed out differences in the District's Proposed Merger Tax Comparison report and the current rates. Chairman Meredith stated that this was not unexpected and when we were working on this in November and December, we made our best estimate of what the tax levy rate would be. Chief Connor discussed the levy process and when the rates are published by the Assessor's Office; the final difference in the levy rate was slightly over one cent (\$0.01), lower than the estimate.

Chairman Meredith further stated that these numbers will change relative to changing assessed values (AV). The charge that would be calculated for 2020, will be a different number and have a different effective rate. We can only provide the best estimate with the information available. This is a relative method, the difference between the two comparisons is likely to be very similar. AV changes, expense increases/decreases are going to affect both models in the same way.

Commissioner Hollis commented about variances in the actual square footage of properties and what is posted at the County. Chief Connor stated that with the fire benefit charge there is an annual hearing which individuals can dispute information if they believe there are inaccuracies.

Chairman Meredith also stated that he would like to review Terri Divers' letter that the Board received today and address it at the next meeting. It was noted by Chief Connor that her records request would be completed tomorrow.

Chairman Meredith addressed the earlier public comments; In regard to saving money, the taxpayers in Fire District 10 would help spread the costs out. There is an overall cost savings in equipment purchases by not having redundant equipment. District 10 also has the resources to move people and cover with equipment, that is already there and already funded. He conveyed that these types of benefits were important to him, we are trying to move forward and this is a good opportunity for Fall City.

Commissioner Hansen stated that it's not all about cost savings it's about partnering with District 10. I want to know that when there's an emergency, the right equipment shows up, that properly trained personnel show up, and the right amount of people show up. I think that we have actually been doing a good job, but I think we can do a better job. It's not the focus of how much money will I save or how much will I have to pay, its about the service level we can provide.

King County ILA – Fire Protection Services

Chief Connor reported that we are waiting for King County to send the updated agreement.

Snoqualmie Cooperative Operation Exploration

Chief Connor stated that he had sent the letter he forwarded to the Board on Wednesday 2/13/2019 on the following Tuesday 2/19/2019. Chairman Meredith recommended closing this item.

Fire Safety Occupancy Inspections, SRT Program / River Rescue Equipment, Dedicated Daytime Training Officer, 12/24 Hour Daytime Floater Position

No reports. Chairman Meredith requested these items to be closed and taken off the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

OTHER:

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Meredith at 8:04 p.m.

Attest:

Melinda Wall
District Secretary





Chairman



Commissioner



Commissioner