

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 December 12, 2022, 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 7:00 p.m.

Present:

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

In Attendance:

DC Patrick LeDoux
Lt. Scott Fleming
FF Greg Lussier
FF Dane Brookshear
FF Marcus Noble
Lt. Steve Bandy – 7:17
FF Pete Montefusco – 7:46
Dave Hart

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Public Comment Period

Dave Hart shared his concerns that the fire benefit charge may be too confusing for many people and he was in support of a levy lid lift instead. He commented about providing mailers to all the property owners in the district and showing what their estimated fire tax would be.

Local Board for Volunteer Firefighters' Meeting

At 7:03 p.m. the Board convened into a Local Board for Volunteer Firefighters' meeting to discuss a medical claim. The Board convened back into the regular meeting at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second by Commissioner Belfield, the Board approved the Minutes of the November 14, 2022, Regular meeting and November 29, 2022, Special meeting.
MOTION CARRIED.

WARRANTS:

Chief Culp briefed the Board on the warrants and EFT transactions presented for payment; highlighting the invoices for uniform expenses, including wildland boots, the hard wiring for the station siren, and the septic system maintenance costs.

On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second by Commissioner Hansen, the Board approved the following expenses: Vouchers No. 24149-24179 totaling \$78,767.71 and Payroll and EFT transactions totaling \$150,412.28. MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

2022 Budgets

The Board reviewed the monthly budgets and financial statements.

After discussion, Chairman Meredith moved to transfer \$100,000 into the cash line item from the Reserve-Apparatus line item, Commissioner Belfield provided a second. MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman Meredith also noted that the transfer into the Reserve-Apparatus would not occur until later in 2023.

CORRESPONDENCE:

STATION USER AGREEMENTS:

Atlantic Salmon Fly Tying Guild – Fly Tying Club Meeting and Demonstration
12/17/22- 8:30 am - 4:00 pm – Approved

Empower Youth Network – Youth Team Leader Training
1/10/23, 1/17/23, 1/24/23 – 6:00 8:00 p.m. - Approved

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CHIEF'S REPORT

Alarms:

For November 2022, the District responded to 48 Aid calls, 10 Medic calls, 22 Fire calls, and 8 service calls for 88 total calls. The year-to-date total is 936 calls compared to 880 calls in 2021.

Turn-out times: November 2022 – The turn-out time standard was achieved on 40 of 83 calls which was 48.2%. The 90% turn-out time was 2:16

Volunteer Firefighters / E-Shift Program:

- The three 2022 recruits have started to be on their assigned E-Shifts. I want to congratulate them on their hard work in the past year and on all the training they have gone through.
- Thank you to Firefighter Montefusco for clearing out the parking lot of snow.
- Firefighter Jon McKinnon will be released from light duty on December 18th from his knee injury. He does have a conditional offer from Redmond Fire as a Deputy Fire Marshal and will be on leave while he goes through his pre-employment requirements.

Career Staff:

- Congratulations to Lieutenant Bandy and Fleming on completing the skills-lab portion of the Blue Card training.
- Congratulations to DC Ledoux, who will become the Chairman of the Zone-1 Ops Chiefs starting in January. DC LeDoux has done a fantastic job as an Operation Chief and is one of the Zone 1 Coordinators for move-ups and wildland mobilizations.
- Congratulations to Probationary Firefighter Greg Lussier, who will come off Probation tomorrow.

Training:

- I want to thank all the career and volunteer staff for the past year of excellent training and professional development. As Chief, I am genuinely thankful for the commitment and hard work that everyone did. I look forward to a great 2023 of training.

Station/Equipment Projects:

- The two command units are being outfitted with their emergency equipment and should be completed by the end of the week.
- Aid-152 is at the EFR Shops to have its charging system checked.
- We purchased a smaller Chain Saw for the Aid Car to be used for clearing small trees and branches that they come across on Aid-Calls.
- We have received payments from the AFG Grant for \$6,213.47.
- Melinda has sent the final paperwork to the State to pay the COVID-19 Grant.
- We have been working with Stuth Company to resolve an issue with our primary septic system to complete our annual septic inspection.
- We will have Pacific Power coming out next month for a preventive maintenance inspection of our generator.
- We received notice that we were not selected for the FY21 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant through FEMA. This was the grant that we were asking for a wood chipper.

Community Involvement

- I want to thank B-Shift, Firefighter Conroy, who came in off-duty, Commissioner Belfield, Commissioner Hansen, Firefighter Hansen, and Recruit Gillis for being part of the Tree Lighting on Dec. 3. The event was well attended, and it is always great to have the fire department be part of it. B-Shift was also part of the Auction during the event for a Dinner at the Fire Station, which was held on December 9, 2022.
- The Local has Operation Santa again this year, and they have a giving tree located at the Market.
- We also have the reserve engine decked out in lights for Christmas visits. Donations go to Operation Santa.



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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2023 Draft Budget

Chief Culp stated that he expects some adjustments to the budget contingent on the collective bargaining agreement, but no other updates at this time.

Future Revenue Sources

Chief Culp stated that we will get to the point where our expenses will outpace our revenues and I expect that to happen sooner than later. We need to review our options and present the best one to our community whether it's a multi-year lid lift or the fire benefit charge (FBC).

Commissioner Belfield stated that he was pleased with Attorney Snure's presentation and thought the multi-year lid lift with the concept of a CPI index factor was appealing. The FBC also stood out and he would like to understand its complexities further. Commissioner Hansen stated that she would like to review the FBC model but had some concerns with it. Secretary Wall stated that an analysis on the different funding options should be ready for review next month.

Chief Culp conveyed that along with looking at the FBC, we also need to address the erosion of the District's regular levy rate, and the timing of a ballot measure. We are still looking at next year for a ballot measure and also reviewing whether a Maintenance and Operations levy would be needed for future years.

Chairman Meredith stated the lid lift could be up to six years and the FBC six, ten, or permanent. Agencies that have the FBC have been successful with continuing that funding, though it is more complex. Further discussion ensued on the FBC, the various categories and factors in the model and what type of outbuildings were included.

North King County/ South King County Training Consortium

Chief Culp discussed the twelve-month termination clause in the ILA agreement and would like to finalize the Collective Bargaining Agreement before committing to the Training Consortium. The Board concurred.

Collective Bargaining Agreement 2023-2025

To be discussed in Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Performance Reviews; Chief Culp, DC LeDoux

To be discuss in Executive Session.

Chairman Meredith Moved that any compensation adjustments that may be needed as a result of the performance reviews will be effective on January 1, 2023, for both Chief Culp and DC LeDoux, Commissioner Hansen provided a second. MOTION CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board convened into an Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. for 40 minutes in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(g); to review the performance of a public employee, and RCW 42.30.140(4)(b); that portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress.

At 8:45 p.m. the Board convened back into the regular meeting.

OTHER:

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Meredith at 8:45 p.m.



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Attest:

Melinda Wall
District Secretary

Melinda Wall

Paul M. Smith
Chairman

Kelly H.
Commissioner

Tim Boffa
Commissioner