

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 May 9, 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 7:00 p.m.

Present:

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

In Attendance:

DC Patrick LeDoux
Captain Scott Fleming
Dave Hart

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Public Comment Period

Dave Hart discussed the next ballot measure that King County is proposing for the August election.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On the Motion of Commissioner Hansen and a second by Commissioner Belfield, the Board approved the Minutes of the April 11, 2023, Regular meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

WARRANTS:

Chief Culp briefed the Board on the warrants and EFT transactions presented for payment highlighting the payments for the new aid car and Hazmat Consortium.

On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second by Commissioner Hansen, the Board approved the following expenses: Vouchers No. 24310- 24341 totaling \$308,884.34 and Payroll and EFT transactions totaling \$176,058.97. MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

2023 Budget

The Board reviewed the Monthly Budget, Bond Report and Financial Statements. The training overtime was discussed and Chief Culp reported that the District would be reimbursed for some of those costs with the grant funds.

STATION USER AGREEMENTS:

The following agreements were approved:

FCCA - Monthly Meetings - First Tuesday of the Month (6:00 pm - 9:00 pm).

The King County Assembly - Group Meeting - 5/20/23, 6/17/23 (11:00 am – 4:30 pm).

CORRESPONDENCE:

Candidate Filing – May 15-May 19, 2023.

Commissioner Hansen – Position No. 1, Commissioner Belfield – Position No. 2 unexpired term.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Alarms:

For April 2023, the District responded to 45 Aid calls, 14 Medic calls, 11 Fire calls, and 4 service calls for 74 total calls. The year-to-date total is 248 compared to 322 in 2022.

Turn-out times: April – The turn-out time standard was achieved on 42 of 67 calls, which was 62.7%. The 90 percentile turn-out time was 2:01.

- Two of the service calls were MIH calls that Redmond MIH completed.
- Three of our calls were handled by Eastside Fire Rescue and one by Snoqualmie Fire. These four calls were handled because the District was on other calls.



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Volunteer Firefighters / E-Shift Program:

- Firefighter Echols will be staying with us as a volunteer.
- The Volunteers completed 274 hours of E-Shift duty for the month of April
- Recruit David Geller, a prior volunteer with Eastside, has started on E-Shift and will be assigned to B-Shift on day two.

Career Staff:

- Career staff involved in the Wildland Program this year will be Firefighters Noah Fleming, Parker Dumas, Parker McKinnon, Jake Conroy, Tanner Hillier, and Captain Scott Fleming. They have all signed up for a time frame to be able to deploy if we have a Mobe request come in. We will have the Brush, Tender, and backup Engine as equipment that can be Mobe. Our District with Mercer Island, Kirkland, and Bothell will share personnel for wildland deployments. We have finished purchasing the needed equipment for the Brush Truck and PPE for crews. We should be set for a successful wildland season.
- I want to recognize the career staff for their time and dedication this past month. Between the Pump Ops Academy and other training, the crews covered all open opportunities so everyone could attend training.
- Firefighter Lussier was on light duty from 04/10/2023 to 04/14/2023 and then cleared to return to work. Since he was on light duty, we are looking at applying for reimbursement through L&I for half of the shift coverage.
- Chief Culp discussed the sign project on the apparatus bay doors that Firefighter Lussier and Firefighter Hillier completed.

Training:

- Acquired structure training continues within Fall City between Snoqualmie, Duvall, Eastside, and Fall City. The value of this training has been great for everyone involved.
- All of our Swiftwater Techs have completed their refresher training through SKCFTC.
- Congratulations to Firefighters Dane Brookshear, Parker Dumas, Parker McKinnon, and Kyle Patterson for completing the two-week Driver/Pump Operator Academy through the SKCFTC. We will have six more going through this course during the year. This is a great accomplishment as the District has not previously sent anyone through a format Driver/Pump Operator course.
- Some Career Staff have completed their annual wildland refreshers; the rest of the career and volunteers will have refreshers assigned through Vector Solutions.
- DC LeDoux will attend a Fire Officer II course May 17-21.
- I am attending a class at the King County EOC this week for an All-Hazards Planning Section Chief. This course will assist the District with additional information on writing Incident Action Plans (IAP) for Incidents or Events within our District.

Station/Equipment Projects:

- E-252 was used for the two-week pump academy in Renton.
- The new Aid-Car will be delivered on Monday, May 15. We are working with vendors to start outfitting it, and our goal will be to have it in service within the next month or two.
- The wood fence is being cleaned and stained this week.
- The front area will be planted with grass within the next few weeks
- The exhaust system in the bays will have preventive maintenance in the next few weeks.
- DC LeDoux is working on quotes for additional lighting and cameras in the back area. He will also be getting a quote to see what the cost of putting up a gate to the back area.

Zone-1/County:

- All Zone 1 fire departments will help staff additional personnel and trucks during Red Flag Days when our fire danger increases.
- An Incident Action Plan for July 4th will be in place for all events occurring on that Day.
- The County is implementing a model procedure for response to EV and Lithium Ion battery fires.



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Community Involvement:

- Fall City Days will be held on June 10, 2023. We will have a booth on the day of the event and will also provide EMS coverage during the Party in the Park. The Fire District is the lead agency in putting an Incident Action Plan together for the event.
- Fall City National Night Out, scheduled on July 29, 2023, has been canceled due to not finding a site to host it. I have offered to host National Night Out at the Station on August 1st for three hours in the evening with the Sheriff's Department. The FCCA has authorized \$500.00 for the event to purchase food for the event.
- A Graduation Parade will be held on June 16th for the 5th graders, 8th graders, and seniors. The Fire District has been the start of the parade for the past few years.
- On September 17th, we are invited to the Fall City Apple Festival.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Future Revenue Sources – Transport Fees

Chief Culp stated that he was working on putting everything together to present the needed Resolution(s), Policies, and Professional Services Agreement regarding being able to charge for transports. He is also looking into the process of obtaining additional information from the billing vendor that contracts with other King County Fire Districts to ensure the process is done correctly. Our crews will have some additional information that will need to be entered into ESO in order to bill the insurance companies, and a process to account for the revenue will need to be set up. Chairman Meredith recommended having this item on the agenda for a couple of meetings to allow for public comments prior to taking any action.

2023 Ballot Measure

Chairman Meredith stated that Attorney Snure has provided the Board with a draft resolution, explanatory statement, and memo on campaign guidelines. The resolution has been drafted to request \$1.50 in the first year and to include an escalator of the greater of 3% or the annual CPI-U for Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, for years two through six of the levy lid lift period. The tax levy request amount will still be subject to the statutory limit of \$1.50. The Board was in agreement with the tax levy rate and escalator as drafted.

After review of the ballot measure documents the Board requested that the resolution, explanatory statement and ballot title should all clearly state if this measure is approved by the voters, the District will not collect the Maintenance and Operations (M&O) levy in the current year (tax collection year 2024). The Board discussed some additional edits that they would like Attorney Snure to review and adjust accordingly.

The election time line document was provided to the Board for review. Secretary Wall discussed the media release schedule, particularly the notice requesting Pro/Con Committee members. The request would be advertised in June for a response deadline prior to the July Commissioner meeting. The Board discussed and concurred with a deadline of July 10th at 5:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

HCA PEBB Employer Group Interlocal Agreement; Amendment 1

The HCA PEBB Agreement was provided to the Board for review. Secretary Wall stated that the agreement was sent to Attorney Snure for review. He had a couple of comments; Exhibit B includes a much more detailed agreement regarding data protection and privacy, and also new for this contract the District is required to key in the data for its personnel. After further discussion Chief Culp recommended approval.

Chairman Meredith made a Motion to approve the Wa State Health Care Authority PEBB Employer Group Interlocal Agreement No. K2074; Amendment No.1 and authorize Chief Culp to execute the agreement. Commissioner Hansen provided a second. MOTION CARRIED.

Collective Bargaining - Letter of Agreement for Compensatory Time

The Letter of Agreement (LOA) for establishing a procedure for the represented employees to use compensatory time in lieu of overtime pay was presented and discussed with the Board. Chief Culp stated that the LOA would be in effect for the duration of the current CBA and he had provided it to Attorney Snure for review as well.



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On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second by Commissioner Belfield the Board approved the Letter of Agreement between the District and LOCAL 2878 regarding Compensatory Time.
MOTION CARRIED.

Labor Management Meetings and Commissioner Participation

Commissioner Belfield stated that he was interested in participating on the Labor Management meetings, in order to observe. DC LeDoux stated that the CBA states two representatives from the Union and two from the District will participate in the meetings. Chief Culp stated if Commissioner Belfield wanted to sit in for DC LeDoux or himself that would be fine. Chairman Meredith and Commissioner Hansen concurred with the request.

On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second by Commissioner Hansen the Board approved attendance and compensation for Commissioner Belfield for the Labor-Management meetings that he attends. MOTION CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board convened into a 15 minute Executive Session with Chief Culp and DC Ledoux at 8:20 p.m. in accordance with 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 8:35 p.m. an additional 15 minutes was requested to continue the discussion. At 8:50 p.m. the Board convened back into the Regular meeting.

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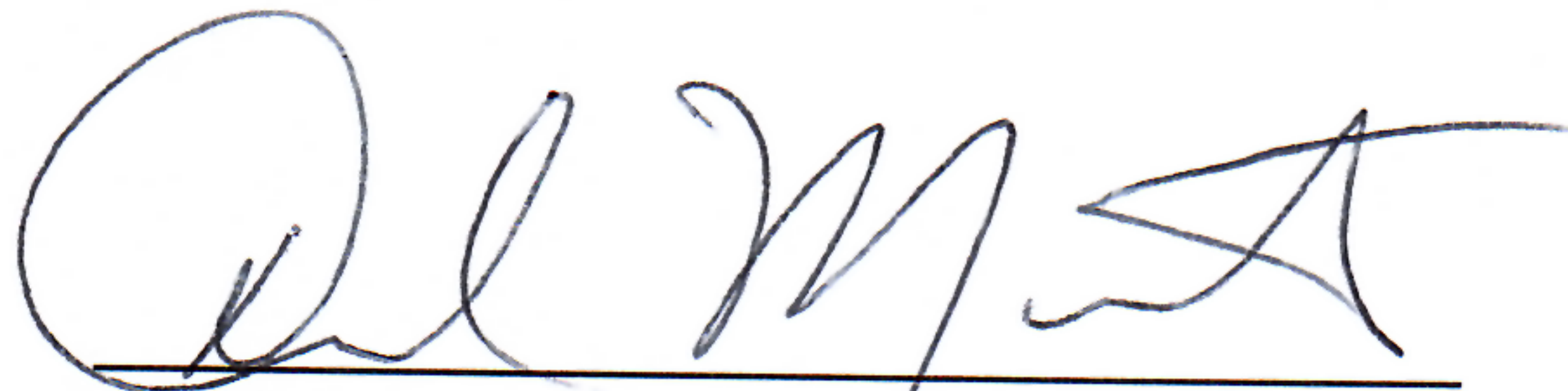
Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Meredith at 8:50 p.m.

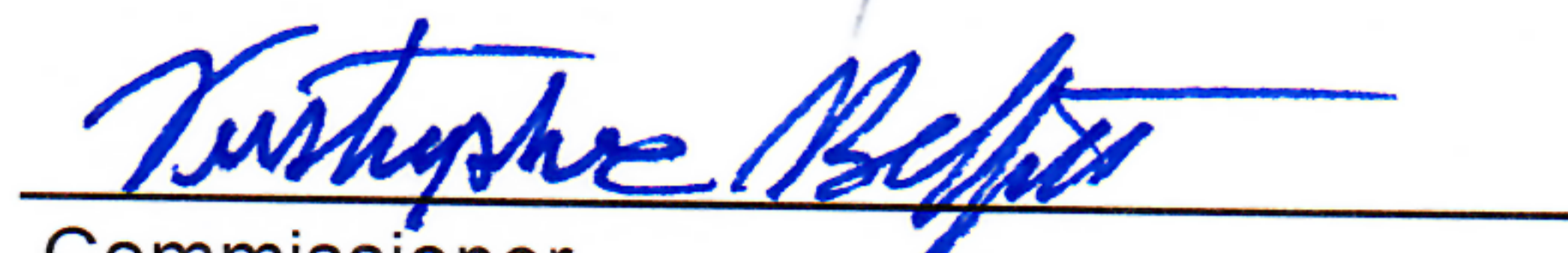
Attest:

Melinda Wall
District Secretary

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Chairman



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