

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 September 11, 2018 at Station No. 271 located at 4301-334th PL SE in Fall City, Washington.

Chairperson Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Present:

Chairperson Hansen
Commissioner Hollis
Commissioner Meredith via phone
Chief Connor
Secretary Wall

In Attendance:

Lt. Koehnen
FF Jessen
FF Baker
Mary Butler
Dave Hart
Terri Divers
Nancy Moore

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Public Comment Period:

Terri Divers asked if the merger occurs would the name on the building and apparatus remain Fall City or would it say Eastside Fire & Rescue. Chief Connor replied that both names would be used.

Nancy Moore commented about the special meeting on 9/24/18 that is scheduled with Snoqualmie, the status of hiring the next career firefighter, the action that was taken on the Boundary Review Board process, and if there is another opportunity for the Board to rescind the petition if so desired.

Mary Butler asked if a stand-alone long-term budget analysis would be available and she asked when the Boundary Review Board (BRB) would notify the Board of its decision.

Chief Connor responded that the BRB will be reviewing the District's filing this Thursday. He further explained the BRB and ballot measure process and dates; of which a resolution by the Board will need to be filed with the County to call for an election. For the February 12, 2019 election the resolution would need to be filed on or before December 14, 2018. For the April 23, 2019 election the filing date is February 22, 2019.

Terri Divers commented on the statutory language in the petition and shared concerns that the Board could not rescind its decision to put the measure out to the voters.

Mary Butler shared some concerns about the attorney conflict matter. Chief Connor responded that Attorney Snure would only be representing District 27 on the merger issue.

FF Baker commented about the FCCA meetings and getting the correct information out to the community. Chairperson Hansen asked Chief Connor if he could provide an update at the next FCCA meeting.

Further discussion ensued on the petition to merge process and the vote that had been taken in July. Discussion ensued about the other options available if a vote to merge with District 10 does not go through. Chairperson Hansen responded that the Board has a meeting scheduled to continue discussions with Snoqualmie to see what is possible with them. Additionally, the Board suggested that an opinion from the District's attorney could be attained regarding the option to rescind the petition if desired.

Terri Divers commented on the 2019 budget for District 10 / EFR, with and without District 27, and if they could be made available.

Nancy Moore commented that the fire benefit charge (FBC) that District 10 uses was providing about 30-32% of their revenue source and that it had increased up to 34%. She shared her concerns that the FBC could be increased up to 60% of their operational costs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On the Motion made by Commissioner Meredith and a second provided by Chairperson Hansen, the Board approved the minutes of the August 14, 2018 regular meeting and July 24, 2018 special meeting. Motion Carried.

WARRANTS:

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

On a Motion made by Commissioner Hollis and a second provided by Commissioner Meredith, the Board approved the following expenses: Voucher No. 22361-22391 totaling \$35,842.81; Payroll and EFT transactions totaling \$123,322.02. Motion Carried.



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FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The Board reviewed the budgets and financial statements. Chief Connor requested that the Board transfer \$98,000 into the apparatus reserve line item. He stated that the cost of the aid car including the power cot is expected to be about \$225,000.

On the Motion of Chairperson Hansen and a second by Commissioner Hollis, the Board approved the transfer of \$98,000 into the apparatus reserve line item.
Motion Carried.

STATION USER AGREEMENTS:

NW China Painters – 1st Wednesdays of the Month, September 2018 – May 2019, (9:00 am – 4:00 pm).
Approved.

Nancy Moore asked if a status report on the consolidation could be provided for the October newsletter. The Board went back into discussion about the merger process and Chief Connor asked the Board if it's still the intent to put this out to the voters. Commissioner Hollis believed that the decision to have an election was put in motion at the July 24th meeting and Chairperson Hansen stated the Board will make its decision and vote on the resolution in December.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Snure Seminar – October 24, 2018, WFOA Conference – October 25 – 27, 2018.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Connor reported on the tire replacement for Aid 271.

Alarms

In August, the District responded to 47 BLS Aid calls, 14 ALS Aid calls, 23 Fire calls and 5 Service calls for a total of 89. The fiscal year total at the end of the month was 724 alarms, compared to 788 in the 2017 fiscal year. The calendar year to date total at the end of the month was 528 alarms compared to 600 in 2017. The District requested mutual aid on 13 alarms of which we cancelled 2 times. The District provided mutual aid on 31 alarms of which we were cancelled 11 times. The 01:30 turnout time standard was achieved on 52 of 79 calls which is 65.8%. The 90% turnout time was 02:14. Alarm Charts for the month were provided for review.

Washington State Audit

The State Auditor is scheduled to begin their on-site audit of the District this week. The years of audit are: 2015, 2016, and 2017.

Volunteer Firefighters / E Shift Program

The four 2018 recruits have recently started the EMT class. The classes are on Wednesday evenings and all day Saturday. The EMT final is Saturday 12/15/18.

NORCOM

Chief Connor reported that the NORCOM Governing Board is scheduled to occur this coming Friday morning. NORCOM's 2019 budget has been finalized with a 3.4% increase overall, but for the District we will see a decrease of about 1.8% in our annual participation fee.

Shared Staffing

Shared Staffing orientation training of personnel for 2018 is still not complete.

Power Cot

Chief Connor stated that a power cot has been ordered and is expected to arrive within four weeks. The power cot will be added to the primary aid unit (A271).

SCBA Cascade System

Chief Connor stated that the SCBA cascade air storage system will be upgraded soon. Four 6,000 psi cylinders are being purchased to replace the existing 4,500 psi cylinders. Once the cylinders are in place, the SCBA compressor will be gradually increased to 6,000 psi. This will eliminate the need for a booster pump.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Consolidation Exploration Committee Update

Committee has not met since the July 24th town hall meeting.

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Fire District 10 Consolidation

Chief Connor reported that a Notice of Intention had been filed with the Washington State Boundary Review Board (BRB) for King County. The Notice of Intention is on the agenda of their meeting this Thursday evening. The BRB File No. is 2387, and the 45 day period ends October 15, 2018.

Snoqualmie Cooperative Operation Exploration

Chief Connor stated that a meeting is scheduled for Monday September 24, 2018 at 10:00, here at the Fire Station. The following talking points were suggested for the meeting: opportunity for shared decision making, policy & procedures, personnel decisions, cost sharing methodology, apparatus needs and replacement, current and future staffing.

Fire Safety Occupancy Inspections, SRT Program / River Rescue Equipment, Dedicated Daytime Training Officer, and 12/24 Hour Daytime Floater Position. - No reports on these items

Performance Evaluations – Fire Chief, Administrative Assistant

Chief Connor stated that he forwarded the final performance review for Secretary Wall to the Board earlier today and made his recommendation to the Board.

On the Motion of Commissioner Meredith and a second by Commissioner Hollis the Board authorized a CPI increase of 3.3% and an additional 0.7% for performance for a total of 4.0% percent to Secretary Wall's annual compensation, effective August 1, 2018.

Motion Carried.

Collective Bargaining Agreement

Chief Connor stated that a meeting with the Local to discuss the CBA is scheduled for tomorrow morning. A letter of agreement (LOA) has also been drafted and sent to the Local to address the US Supreme Court Janus decision.

Hiring Additional Firefighter

Chief Connor reported that he had requested information from applicants. A list of the top four external applicants has been combined with two current Volunteer employees. The hiring timeline was discussed and Chief Connor stated that he would provide an update to the Board when he had more information.

NEW BUSINESS:

King County Interlocal Agreement – Fire Protection Services

Chief Connor reported that the District received an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) from King County concerning fire protection services. Chief Connor stated that basically the ILA addresses compensation for services in accordance to RCW 52.30.020 and RCW 39.34 for buildings and equipment located within the boundaries of the District, of which the County has not provided compensation for in the past. Chief Connor reported that several attorneys representing fire agencies will be meeting with the County to discuss some of the articles in the ILA and he expects that some revisions will be made to the agreement.

OTHER:

Secretary Evans discussed the annual banquet and stated that holding it on Saturday evening may become too expensive if our attendance remains low, she suggested a Sunday night as an alternative. A brief discussion followed and December 9th was suggested as an option.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Hansen at 8:27 p.m.

Attest:
Melinda Wall
Board Secretary





Commissioner



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