

1 **EASTSIDE FIRE & RESCUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
2 **REGULAR MEETING**
3 **February 10, 2022**
4 **VIRTUAL MEETING**
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6 Effective June 30, 2021, the Governor's guidance permitted open public meetings to operate
7 in person without regard to capacity limitations. However, the lifting of the restrictions was
8 not, as of June 30, 2021, accompanied by a lifting of the State of Emergency or
9 a modification of Proclamation 20.28-15. Due to these factors, the regular meeting of the
10 EF&R Board of Directors was held virtually, using a remote meeting platform.

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12 **PRESENT:** Chair Alan Gothelf (City of North Bend)
13 Board Director Gloria Hatcher-Mays (Fire District 10)
14 Board Director Anita Sandall (Fire District 10)
15 Board Director Kali Clark (City of Sammamish)
16 Board Director Karen Moran (City of Sammamish)
17 Board Director Chris Reh (City of Issaquah)
18 Board Director Zach Hall (City of Issaquah)
19 Board Director Ron Pedee (Fire District 38)
20 Fire Chief Jeff Clark
21 Board Secretary Nicole Frisch
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23 **AUDIENCE:** Alternate Director Ray Mullen (Fire District 10)
24 Alternate Director Don Smith (Fire District 10)
25 Alternate Director Tola Marts (City of Issaquah)
26 Alternate Director Heather Koellen (City of North Bend)
27 Alternate Director Karen Howe (City of Sammamish)
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29 **ABSENT:**

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31 **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Gothelf called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and took roll call.
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33 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
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35 **ANNUAL ELECTIONS:**

36 IT WAS MOVED BY DIRECTOR HATCHER-MAYS, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR MORAN
37 TO: elect Director Gothelf as Board Chair. MOTION CARRIED, 8-0
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39 IT WAS MOVED BY DIRECTOR REH, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR HALL TO: elect
40 Director Moran as Board Vice Chair. MOTION CARRIED, 8-0
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42 2022 FAC representatives will be as follows:

43 Issaquah: Directors Reh (Primary) and Hall (Alternate)
44 Sammamish: Directors Moran (Primary) and Clark (Alternate)
45 D10: Directors Sandall (Primary) and Hatcher-Mays (Alternate)
46 D38: Directors Talbot (Primary) and Pedee (Alternate)
47 North Bend: Directors Koellen (Primary) and Gothelf (Alternate)
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51 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

52 IT WAS MOVED BY DIRECTOR HATCHER-MAYS, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR
53 SANDALL TO: Approve the Consent Agenda. MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.

- 54 1. Agenda Bill 2022-03 (Approval of Board Minutes and Financial Recap)
- 55 2. Agenda Bill 2022-04 (Write-Off Request)

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57 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

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59 **FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING:**

- 60 • COVID-19: Chief Clark reported that cases are continuing to decline county-wide. EF&R
61 has about a dozen employees on leave each day due to testing positive or being
62 otherwise isolated. The COVID-19 lawsuit discussed last month was withdrawn by the
63 plaintiffs after the judge ruled in our favor on two counts: she did not grant an injunction
64 and did not allow it to be classified as class action.
- 65 • EF&R had 20 new recruits join the Department last week. The incredibly diverse group
66 of talented recruits will complete fire academy before going on to EMT school.
- 67 • PFAS: Chief Clark reported that PFAS is well on its way to becoming a MTCA controlled
68 substance. In the meantime, the Department continues to seek grant dollars, as we can't
69 qualify for that money after it's listed as MTCA. Chief Clark participated in meetings last
70 week and will participate in meetings this week as it relates to a \$750,000 grant from the
71 state. Pilot testing is in progress here at HQ, wherein carbon is injected as a barrier.
72 Official results will be presented at the exec meeting later this month. Testing is ongoing
73 to determine the mobility of the PFAS in the soil. Director Gothelf is the Eastside
74 representative and Commissioner Sandall is the District 10 appointed representatives to
75 the PFAS Executive Committee. More information will be disseminated to the Board as
76 it becomes available.
- 77 • Chief Clark reported that he participated in a quarterly call with WSRB, wherein they
78 committed to working towards implementing a five-to-seven-mile range (as opposed to
79 a strict five mile rule) when conducting community evaluations. Chief Clark recognized
80 Commissioner Sandall and the Mirrormont neighborhood for spearheading this change.
81 WSRB committed to putting out something in writing in the next couple weeks to share
82 with the community.
- 83 • Chief Clark reported that Station 74 in Preston was broken into early in the morning on
84 February 2. \$4,000 worth of equipment was taken, including chainsaws, batteries, and
85 generators. Police have a dedicated taskforce to investigate as this has been happening
86 at stations around King and surrounding counties.
- 87 • Chief Clark reported that the Snoqualmie Tribe recently received a \$350,000 grant
88 through the Indian Community Development block grant for a new aid car. The tribe did
89 all the footwork to pursue it through the federal process. It will take us about a year to
90 get the aid car; we'll have a ceremony and dedication once it arrives.
- 91 • Chief Clark reported that EF&R was successful in securing over \$900,000 in FEMA
92 reimbursement for COVID-19 related expenses. Emergency Manager Andrew Stevens
93 put together the application with support of Julie Schoenstadt and several Administrative
94 Assistants, and we recognize their hard work in achieving this tremendous success.

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96 **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

- 97 1. Agenda Bill 2022-05 (Wildfire Prevention Program): IT WAS MOVED BY
98 DIRECTOR PEDEE, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR MORAN TO: approve the
99 program as presented. MOTION CARRIED, 7 voting in favor and 1 abstention.
- 100 2. Strategic Plan Introduction: Deputy Director provided an overview of the upcoming
101 Strategic Plan process as attached hereto.

102 3. Board Orientation Presentation

103 4. EF&R Traditional Media Report: CSO Breault presented the EF&R Traditional Media
104 Report. Discussion ensued about the importance of media coverage.

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106 **GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE DISCUSSION:**

107 1. Revenue and Expense Report: Included in packet.

108 2. Incidents Activity Report: Included in packet.

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110 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 5:40 p.m., the Board of Directors moved into Executive Session
111 for 10 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(g) and RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) to discuss topics
112 related to personnel and strategy or position to be taken during the course of collective
113 bargaining.

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115 At 5:50 p.m., the Executive Session was extended 5 minutes until 5:55 p.m.

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117 At 5:55 p.m., the Executive Session was extended 5 minutes until 6:00 p.m.

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119 At 6:00 p.m., the Executive Session was extended 5 minutes until 6:05 p.m.

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121 At 6:05 p.m., the Executive Session was extended 5 minutes until 6:10 p.m.

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123 The Board of Directors returned to the regular session at 6:10 p.m. No action was taken.

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125 **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- 126 • Director Hall requested regular updates on the CORE program, specifically the Narcan
127 leave behind kits, as it has generated a lot of interest at the Issaquah City Council. He
128 also requested updates about calls for service involving the Snoqualmie River as the
129 weather starts to heat up.
- 130 • Director Sandall inquired about a life jacket donation program at the Snoqualmie River.
131 AC Lane will work with Fall City Fire members and the Benevolent Fund. She also
132 congratulated DC Schutter on his promotion.
- 133 • Director Hatcher-Mays reported that Director Cori Walters from Issaquah Food and
134 Clothing Bank has resigned. She suggested acknowledging her service via a note of
135 appreciation on behalf of the EF&R Board. The Board agreed. Staff will coordinate.

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137 **CALENDAR REVIEW**

- 138 • EF&R Recruit Graduation – January 20, 2022, *link to stream the event will be sent*
139 • EF&R Agenda Review – January 26, 2022, 4:00 p.m. (Virtual) (FD10)
140 • Warrant Review – February 10, 2022 (FD10 to schedule with ap@esf-r.org)
141 • EF&R Board Meeting – February 10, 2022, 4:00 p.m. (Virtual)
142 • Annual Awards & Recognition Banquet – Postponed
143 • 2022 Legislative Day - TBD

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145 **ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Gothelf adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

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147 **VIRTUALLY APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON MARCH 10, 2022.**