

**FIRE DISTRICT 38
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 13, 2023**

The Regular Meeting of the Fire District 38 Commissioners was held virtually and at the North Bend Fire Station at 1600 hrs. on Monday, February 13, 2023. In attendance were:

Commissioner Matt Talbot
Commissioner Ron Pedee
EFR Fire Chief Ben Lane
Secretary Trina Wilson

Absent: Chairman Chris Dahline (excused)
EFR Deputy Fire Chief Will Aho (excused)

Commissioner Talbot called the meeting to order at 1600 hrs. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed. Commissioner Pedee made a motion to accept the January 16, 2023 minutes. The Secretary read the Treasurers Report. Commissioner Talbot asked Chief Lane if there were any needs at the new training tower. Chief Lane stated not at this time. Commissioner Talbot made a motion to accept the February Treasurer's Report and the Blanket Voucher with vouchers 6881- 6888 totaling \$154,209.59. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS- None

CITIZEN INPUT- None

OLD BUSINESS-

Station 88/DNR- Nothing new to report. Discussions may start in the Spring to explore additional use of the facility.

NEW BUSINESS-

Commissioner Pedee requested that for the March meeting we add to the agenda a succession plan for his position as he is due up for re-election at the end of the year.

BOARD REPORTS

EF&R- Commissioner Pedee reported that North Bend's Alan Gothelf was re-elected to the position of Chair and Zack Hall from Issaquah will be the vice-chair. The annual Awards Banquet will be held March 3, 2023 at 1800 hrs. at the Snoqualmie Casino. If anyone is wanting to attend, they should RSVP to Nicole.

North Bend Safety Commission The meeting was cancelled.

CHIEF'S REPORT- Chief Lane reported EF&R is one of six departments submitting for a regional grant to replace five of their RIC (Rapid Intervention Crew) packs, designed to rescue downed firefighters. If awarded, EF&R would receive nearly \$34,000.00 in Federal funding.

On January 17th Chief Lane received official notification from the Department of Ecology that EF&R is considered under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) as a "potentially liable person or "PLP" and has been named in a preliminary determination of liability associated with four sites. This was an expected

notification and an opportunity to respond to the proposed finding of liability will be the department's next step.

Chief Lane advised EF&R's RFP was received by KCFD 45 (Duvall). All three agencies submitted their RFP. The next steps in the process will include a recommendation from the liaison on 2/28 as to which departments move forward in the process, with a tentative presentation opportunity on 3/28.

On February 6th a proclamation and order of the King County Executive terminating the COVID-19 proclamation of emergency was issued, terminating the vaccination mandate for King County employees, volunteers and contractors. There were two employees from EF&R who had signed for a 5-year window and both could have the option of returning to EF&R.

GOOD OF THE ORDER-

The Secretary advised the Commissioners that they need to fill out their Public Disclosure Form prior to April 15. She also advised them she is mid-way through the BARS reporting.

The next Fire District 38 meeting will be held on Monday, March 13th at 1600 hrs. at Station 87 with a virtual meeting connection. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was at 1640 hrs.

Chairman Chris Dahline

Secretary Trina Wilson

Commissioner Matt Talbot

Commissioner Ron Pedee