

**FIRE DISTRICT 38
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 18, 2023**

The Regular Meeting of the Fire District 38 Commissioners was held virtually and at the North Bend Fire Station at 1600 hrs. on Tuesday, April 18, 2023. In attendance were:

Chairman Chris Dahline (virtual)
Commissioner Matt Talbot
Commissioner Ron Pedee
EFR Fire Chief Ben Lane
EFR Deputy Fire Chief Will Aho
Secretary Trina Wilson (virtual)

Chairman Dahline called the meeting to order at 1603 hrs. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed. Commissioner Talbot made a motion to accept the March 13, 2023 minutes. The Secretary read the Treasurers Report. Chairman Dahline made a motion to accept the April Treasurer's Report. Chairman Dahline made a motion to accept the April voucher with vouchers 6896- 6903 totaling \$155,526.59. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS- None

CITIZEN INPUT- None

OLD BUSINESS-

DNR Lease Agreement- Chairman Dahline presented Resolution 279, Department of Natural Resources Interagency Agreement, for approval. He asked if there was any discussion. The Secretary asked Chief Lane about the reference to the monthly payment as the contract stated it would be mailed to the District PO Box when the other options were either deposited by EF&R (the same procedure as District 10) or it can be direct deposited through King County. Chief Lane advised we can choose any option. Chairman Dahline made a motion to accept Resolution 279. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS-

Commissioner Election 2023- Commissioner Pedee advised that he will not be running for re-election at the end of the year. Filing is due in May and it would be in the best interest of the District to find a new candidate that has an interest in the district. The Commissioners agreed they should encourage potential candidates and the item will be added to the May agenda.

Commissioner Pedee stated he had a couple questions. In the interest of Diversity, Equality and Inclusion he would like to suggest the department policy on tattoo's be reviewed. He knows of a candidate that had reportedly done well on interviews but was then apparently disqualified due to tattoos on his neck and face. Chief Lane will look into this. Commissioner Pedee then asked if there was an opportunity for employees and Commissioners to purchase EMS supplies at a discount, perhaps through EF&R, so they can be prepared for Emergency situations. Chief Lane will also look into this issue.

BOARD REPORTS

EF&R- Commissioner Pedee reported there was a training presentation on the agency. There was also an Emergency Management Protection Plan presentation. Commissioner Pedee suggested some additional

training information for elected officials could include two fires from the Colorado Springs Fire Department; the Waldo-Canyon and the Black Forest Fire.

North Bend Safety Commission- North Bend will be adding the Regional Coordination Framework Agreement to the regular agenda of the City Council meeting. This is an agreement providing mutual aid for Public Works. The Police Department has three new hires with two currently in the academy and one set to be hired in a year. There are also two laterals.

CHIEF'S REPORT-

Chief Lane reported there were two policy reviews. One revised the Chiefs contract incorporating policy language and the other updated policy regarding attending executive meetings virtually. EF&R presented to KCFD45- Duvall Fire Commissioners on April 5th. Redmond Fire will be presenting this week then Duvall will review their options. In addition, Mercer Island City Council authorized and directed the City Manager to seek proposals from the City of Bellevue and EF&R for a regional fire service model. Proposals are due back to the City Manager by May 3rd.

EF&R medically separated Engineer Nick Miller from the department on March 15th. An MOU was signed that would allow him to return in the next five years if possible. EF&R and the City of Issaquah have provided the Washington State Department of Ecology with our joint PLP response and await a final response from DOE. The department has received closure statements on 6 of the 7 EECC filings and expects to receive the final notification in the coming weeks.

There will be a Wildfire Townhall on May 1st at 1730 hours, hosted by EF&R at Headquarters Station. This will be a great opportunity to message D38's partnership with DNR as the contracts go into effect that day. Letters have also been sent inviting EF&R Board members to attend the June 17 Fire Ground 425. This is a great opportunity for our EF&R Directors to get a first experience of the work the men and women of EF&R do. EF&R remains active in pursuing funding for Highway 18 and the hiring process continues for eight new firefighters. EF&R welcomes Kevin Carolan back as the new Assistant Fire Marshall.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Nothing to report

The next Fire District 38 meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 16 at 1600 hrs at Station 87 with a virtual meeting connection. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1650 hrs.

Chairman Chris Dahline

Secretary Trina Wilson

Commissioner Matt Talbot

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