

**FIRE DISTRICT 38
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 15, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Fire District 38 Commissioners was held virtually at 1600 hrs. on Monday, May 17, 2021. In attendance were:

Chairman Ron Pedee
Commissioner Matt Talbot
EFR Fire Chief Jeff Clark
Secretary Trina Wilson

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pedee at 1600 hrs. Commissioner Talbot made a motion to accept the May 17, 2021 minutes. Chairman Pedee seconded. Motion carried. The Secretary read the Treasurer's Report. Chairman Pedee made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and the June Blanket Voucher with vouchers 6733- 6738 totaling \$149,845.76. Motion carried. The Secretary advised she had transferred \$150,000 to the Reserve and will reflect in next month's report.

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS- None

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS-

Interagency Data Sharing Agreement- Under a bill passed by the Legislature this year, data sharing agreements (DSAs) will be required for all state and local governments sharing data. This includes the data we exchange for our audits. For reference, the legislation requiring DSAs is [ESSB5432](#), "Concerning cybersecurity and data sharing in Washington state government." This agreement will formalize all the steps we take to protect data, without requiring changes to our existing practices. A point of contact needs to be named and the Commissioners agreed it should be the Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS- None

BOARD REPORTS

EF&R- Commissioner Talbot reported there were five retirement recognitions at the EFR meeting with an accumulated total of approximately 150 years of service. There was no FAC meeting. In-person public meetings will tentatively restart in September. The department will not be doing inspections, instead assisting businesses by providing documentation for self-inspections. The current PFAS grant is slated to be completed in June 2022. The interim Deputy Chief is Dana Schutter replacing Deputy Chief Tyron. The burn ban went into effect today, June 15 and will remain in effect until September 30. This is also the last year for fireworks in the unincorporated County areas.

North Bend Safety Committee- The meeting was cancelled.

CHIEFS REPORT-

Chief Clark reported the mass vaccination site has closed after servicing 15,000 people. In addition there were 6200 vaccinations delivered by EF&R at the Snoqualmie Casino and another 1000 from mobile vaccinations. EF&R has adopted the L&I guidelines which states those who have been fully vaccinated do not have to wear masks in the building whereas those who were not vaccinated needed to continue to

wear theirs. EF&R Public meetings are expected to resume in September with in person meetings. The subject will be reviewed in July but the majority of the Board members seem to want to meet in person every month for the main meeting. Staff meetings and District 10 meetings will probably meet in person once a quarter or every other month. Some changes that tentatively will remain will be EF&R's days of operation being Monday thru Thursday. Teleworking has worked out well and appears to be a benefit to both the agency and the employee and will therefore remain an option. Ride-A-Longs and station Community Rooms will remain closed with the exception that District 38 could meet at Station 87 when they meet in person. Chairman Pedee asked Chief Clark how the flex schedule affects the Chief and the Deputy Chiefs. Chief Clark advised there will always be some leadership around at all times, although times and days may be altered. Chairman Pedee also asked about the Administrative staff and if there were provisions for the needs of the business. Chief Clark advised that too has been addressed as the flex time is allowed but it remains at the discretion of the administration. Chief Clark advised there are some attempts being made to redefine the "5 mile rule" with the WSRB (Washington State Ratings Bureau) so there is a gradual increase in insurance rates instead of a huge increase. There are other issues that can also be addressed in the future. EF&R has also published two annual reports on the website, one being the annual report and the other being a financial report.

Chairman Pedee asked if there was anything else anyone would like to discuss. Commissioner Talbot gave a shout out to Jamie Formisano, Administrative Assistant at EF&R, and her presentation of the Mental Health Program and JULOTA, the software program that supports it. The program helps those in need to have access to those that can best assist them instead of the fire department that can be better used in other ways. It appears the program has served many in a very positive way. It is better care at a local level.

GOOD OF THE ORDER-

The Secretary advised Commissioner Dahline did submit his name for his Commissioner seat. There is nobody running against him.

The next Fire District 38 meeting will be held virtually on July 14 at 1600 hrs. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1646 hrs.

Chairman Ron Pedee

Secretary Trina Wilson

Commissioner Matt Talbot

Commissioner Chris Dahline