

1 EASTSIDE FIRE & RESCUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2 REGULAR MEETING
3 July 13, 2023
4 IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING
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6 **PRESENT:** Chair Alan Gothelf (City of North Bend)
7 Vice Chair Zach Hall (City of Issaquah)
8 Board Director Karen Howe (City of Sammamish)
9 Board Director Anita Sandall (Fire District 10)
10 Board Director Don Smith (Fire District 10)
11 Board Director Tola Marts (City of Issaquah)
12 Board Director Ron Pedee (Fire District 38)

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14 Fire Chief Ben Lane
15 Board Secretary Nicole Frisch
16 Deputy Chief Will Aho
17 Deputy Director Pam Bryson
18 Deputy Director Jamie Formisano
19 Deputy Chief Doug McDonald
20 Deputy Chief Dana Schutter
21 Finance Director Joan Montegary

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23 **ABSENT:** Board Director Pam Stuart (City of Sammamish)

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25 **AUDIENCE:** Alt. Board Director Gloria Hatcher-Mays (Fire District 10)
26 Commissioner Ray Mullen (Fire District 10)

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28 **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Gothelf called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. and took roll.

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30 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

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32 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

33 IT WAS MOVED BY DIRECTOR PEDEE SECONDED BY DIRECTOR SANDALL TO:
34 approve the Consent Agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

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36 **FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING:** Chief Lane presented the Fire Chief Briefing as follows:

- 37 - On June 28, the Duvall Fire Commissioners voted 2-1 to further negotiate with
38 Redmond Fire on a contract for services.
- 39 - EF&R and the City of Issaquah continue to collaborate with the Washington State
40 Department of Ecology on an agreed order and have a tentative agreement on a
41 proposed mitigation timeline.
- 42 - June 26 was the final day of EF&R's arbitration hearing. Both legal counsels' briefs will
43 be submitted to the arbitrator for review.
- 44 - Work has begun on the mid-bi budget. June CPI-W, which came in at 4.5%, will be
45 incorporated into the planning. The EF&R Board will receive a brief presentation
46 during their September board meeting, and referral to the Finance and Administrative

- 47 Committee will likely follow (September 29, 12:00-1:00 at HQ, with lunch provided)
48 with an October/November goal for mid-bi budget adoption.
- 49 - The kitchen remodel at Station 35 will start Monday, July 17. The Station 33 remodel
50 is in the design phase. Construction on Station 82 will also begin Monday, July 17.
51 Crews are settled into The Knolls apartment.
 - 52 - Work continues at HQ on installation of the new PSERN radios for all entities in Zone
53 1, to include other fire departments, police departments, public works, etc. Special
54 thanks to Fire Corps Jon Bromberg for his hard work in coordinating this effort!
 - 55 - Please join us for the Celebrate Woodinville Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, August
56 12, 8:00-10:30 a.m. at Station 31!
 - 57 - On June 27, EF&R's four newest recruits graduated from South King County Training
58 Consortium Recruit Academy #16. Please join us in welcoming Probationary
59 Firefighters Travis Calhoun, Jakob Chamberlin, Sam Goertz, and Jace Hinesly.
 - 60 - Please join us at Station 87 on Monday, July 17 at 11:30 a.m. for a push-in ceremony!
 - 61 - EF&R responded to 56 calls for service in total on July 4. No fireworks-related injuries
62 were reported.
 - 63 - Fire District 10's Station 76 is now fully occupied and operational. There are 13 DNR
64 personnel and two brush trucks reported there daily. The strategic location has
65 already proven beneficial, as we saw during response to a brush fire in an area
66 outside of Fall City on July 2.
 - 67 - The Medic One EMS Levy will be up for vote in 2025. King County is starting the
68 planning process now, particularly focusing on cities with populations of 50,000 or
69 more, as 80% of cities must endorse the levy in order for it to make the ballot.

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71 **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

72 Agenda Bill 2023-20 (Contract for Services with Mercer Island):

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74 Chief Lane presented the contract seeking approval. Discussion ensued.

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76 Director Marts joined the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

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78 IT WAS MOVED BY DIRECTOR SANDALL, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR SMITH TO:
79 approve Agenda Bill 2023-20 as presented. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

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81 Fire Chief Mid-Year Evaluation:

82 Chair Gothelf requested that feedback be provided to him prior to the September regular
83 meeting. He reported that input will be solicited from the Woodinville Fire & Rescue Board of
84 Commissioners and the Mercer Island City Council as well.

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86 Standards of Cover Update:

87 Deputy Chief Aho presented the Standards of Cover. Discussion ensued. Staff will provide
88 an updated report in Q1 of 2024.

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90 Code of Conduct Statement:

91 Director Hall reported on next steps to include sending the draft statement to the Directors for
92 review prior to the September regular meeting.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE DISCUSSION:

- 1. Revenue and Expense Report: Included in packet.
- 2. Incidents Activity Report: Included in packet.
- 3. June Media Report: Included in packet.
- 4. CORE Quarterly Report
- 5. Strategic Plan Quarterly Report

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Director Howe asked for clarification about Duvall Fire's recent decision to move forward in contract negotiations with Redmond Fire. Chief Lane provided additional information to include a timeline and anticipated next steps.

Director Gothelf reported that North Bend's Block Party will be Saturday, July 15.

CALENDAR REVIEW

- D38 Board of Commissioners Meeting – July 18, 2023, 4:00 p.m., Station 87
- **August Board Meetings are canceled!**
- EF&R Agenda Review – September 6, 2023, 4:00 p.m. (Sammamish)
- D10 Board of Commissioners Meeting – September 7, 2023, 4:00 p.m., HQ
- WF&R Board of Commissioners Meeting – September 12, 2023, 5:00 p.m., Station 31
- Warrant Review – September 14, 2023 (Sammamish to schedule with ap@esf-r.org)
- EF&R Board Meeting – September 14, 2023, 4:00 p.m., HQ
- Issaquah City Council – 1st and 3rd Monday at 7:00 p.m.
- Sammamish City Council – 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
- Carnation City Council – 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
- North Bend City Council – 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Gothelf adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m.



Board Director



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Melissa Knutson, Acting Board Secretary



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/s/ Zach Hall
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