

**FIRE DISTRICT 38  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
July 14, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Fire District 38 Commissioners was held virtually at 1600 hrs. on Wednesday, July 14, 2021. In attendance were:

Chairman Ron Pedee  
Commissioner Chris Dahline  
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 June 15, 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 July Blanket Voucher with vouchers 6739- 6746 totaling \$151,673.67. Motion carried.

**PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS-** None

**OLD BUSINESS-** None

**NEW BUSINESS-**

**Future Meetings-** The governor has updated the Public Meeting Guidelines. Public meetings can now be held with any attendees not vaccinated wearing masks. It is also a requirement that meetings will continue to be available virtually, this could include conference calls. After some discussion it was decided the Fire District 38 meeting in September will be held at Station 87 with a virtual meeting available on meet.jit.si.

**Laptop-** The current district laptop has been having issues and is outdated. Commissioner Dahline made a motion that the Secretary be given a \$1500 allowance to purchase a new computer system and software to accommodate District business. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Pedee was concerned about security so the Secretary will contact Jamie so she can be put in touch with the IT personnel at EF&R for any guidance.

**RESOLUTIONS-** None

**BOARD REPORTS**

**EF&R-** Commissioner Talbot reported there was recognition for several employees of EF&R for the Mt. Baker climb. There was discussion regarding the new Public Meeting directive, EF&R office restrictions and new procedures for inspections. The PFAS grant is on track for completion in June 2022. There was a review of the Cedar Hills Brush Fire and the success at confining it. An update on the "Woodinville contract" should be on the September District 38 agenda. There was no FAC meeting and there will be no meetings in August.

**North Bend Safety Committee-** The meeting discussion centered on fireworks. As of 2022, fireworks are illegal in the county and many other areas. The only King County cities still allowing fireworks will be Enumclaw, Mercer Island and North Bend.

**CHIEFS REPORT-**

Chief Clark reported EF&R just finished their financial audit and everything was very good. They will be getting a performance audit later in the year by the state.

Woodinville would like to pursue a contract with EF&R. Their agency has approved the change and the EF&R Board will be meeting tomorrow to vote on the issue. The contract would be in effect until Jan 2031. Most employees of Woodinville will be taken care of unless they choose another option. The firefighters will join with the EF&R firefighters in regards to a union. The other employees will have a position similar to their current position. Overall there seems to be more interest in mergers in the area, especially with the smaller departments. Commissioner Talbot asked what needed to happen tomorrow and Chief Clark advised just a majority vote. Mercer Island is still working on their future decision.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER-**

The Secretary advised the financial audit is almost completed but the procedural portion has been put on hold while other audits are completed. Commissioner Talbot mentioned a structure fire this past Sunday that was fully involved when EF&R arrived. However they were able to keep it contained to the structure.

The next Fire District 38 meeting will be held virtually and in person at Station 87 on September 16 at 1600 hrs. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1701 hrs.

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Chairman Ron Pedee

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Secretary Trina Wilson

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