

**FIRE DISTRICT 38  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
March 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, March 13, 2023. In attendance were:

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

Absent: EFR Deputy Fire Chief Will Aho (excused)

Chairman Dahline called the meeting to order at 1600 hrs. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed. Commissioner Talbot made a motion to accept the February 13, 2023 minutes. The Secretary read the Treasurers Report. Commissioner Pedee made a motion to accept the March Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Talbot made a motion to accept the March Blanket Voucher with vouchers 6889- 6895 totaling \$155,401.37. Motion carried.

**PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS-** None

**CITIZEN INPUT-** None

**OLD BUSINESS-**

**DNR Lease Agreement-** Chief Lane reported discussions with Department of Natural Resources (DNR) have continued and there is increasing interest in potential additional uses of the facility. This could include a summer location for the crew, office space and/or sleeping quarters. It would be a lease agreement for \$4,342 per month. At our April meeting there will be an agenda bill that would authorize EF&R to sign an agreement on behalf of Fire District 38 Commissioners for the Commissioners to consider. Commissioner Pedee suggested an information sheet to leave at Station 88 explaining the utilization of the building. He also suggested Commissioners/EF&R/DNR attend the Homeowners Association meeting in the summer to share information. Chief Lane also advised DNR has authority for a year-round six-man hand crew but they have no base and this might provide that. Commissioner Talbot asked if EF&R and DNR every train together and Chief Lane advised that they do.

**NEW BUSINESS-** Nothing new to discuss

**BOARD REPORTS**

**EF&R-** Commissioner Pedee reported three new employees were introduced at the EF&R Board Meeting. They are Zack Mohammad, Emergency Management Analyst; Carolina Del Toro, CORE Care Coordinator; and Cat Robinson, Emergency Management Coordinator. The Board has raised the question and is currently discussing virtual attendance for Executive Session meetings. There is a mixed opinion with some feeling if the director or the back-up assistant cannot attend in person, they just won't have a vote while others feel a virtual attendance, with or without a headphone requirement, should be allowed. The issue will be discussed further.

**North Bend Safety Commission**-No Fire issues were discussed.

**CHIEF'S REPORT-** Chief Lane reported Duvall (Fire District 45) has requested some additional information prior to their next work session on March 15. They will then reach out to EF&R at the end of the week to set up a presentation.

Accountability audits were performed on Woodinville Fire and Rescue and EF&R and all passed with no findings. Members of EF&R's Directors Board attended Legislative Day in Olympia on February 17, 2023. The group advocated for Hwy 18, PFAS, Wildfire pre-staging and the growing concern around increased "wall times" that the crews are experiencing at area hospitals.

Chief Lane thanked all who were able to attend EF&R's 2022 awards and recognition banquet. It was well received by all who took part and there is already interest in next year's banquet.

EF&R is hosting "Future Women in EMS and Fire" next month with 11 other King County agencies. It is a full weekend of hands-on Fire and EMS activities. This is an opportunity to explore a career in the Fire or EMS service and includes activities, discussion panels, viewing live demos, and networking with EMT's, Firefighters and Paramedics in our region.

EF&R will also be hosting the next King County Fire Chiefs Association Diversity and Recruitment Workshop on Saturday, May 6 at Central Washington University campus in Sammamish.

Save the date of June 17<sup>th</sup> at EF&R's Fire Station 31 in Woodinville for Fire Ops 101. More information will be available soon.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER-**

The Secretary advised the Commissioners that they need to fill out their Public Disclosure Form prior to April 15.

The next Fire District 38 meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18th at 1600 hrs. at Station 87 with a virtual meeting connection. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was at 1635 hrs.

---

Chairman Chris Dahline

---

Secretary Trina Wilson

---

Commissioner Matt Talbot

---

Commissioner Ron Pedee