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**King County Fire Protection District 40**

***Regular Commissioners' Meeting***

**May 26, 2011**

**4:30 p.m.**

**Commissioner**  
CHARLOTTE RYAN

**Commissioner**  
MIKE WARFEL

**Deputy Chief**  
ERIK WALLGREN

**Commissioner**  
RONNIE LITTLE

**Commissioner**  
LINDA SARTNURAK

**Board Secretary**  
DEANNA GRATZER

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Commissioner Ryan called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for King County Fire Protection District 40 to order at 4:30 p.m. Commissioners present for the Call to Order: Ryan, Little and Sartnurak. Also attending were Secretary Gratzner, Consultant Paul Witt, Attorney Kinnon Williams, Chief Mark Peterson, Deputy Chief Erik Wallgren, Firefighter Ryan Simonds, Steve Parsons and Curt Whitaker.

Commissioner Warfel requested an excused absence for the May 26, 2011, regular meeting.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Sartnurak and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Little to allow Commissioner Warfel an excused absence for the May 26, 2011 regular meeting. The **MOTION CARRIED (3-0)**.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS:**

There were no citizen comments.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Correspondence received consisted of a cash transmittal receipt in the amount of \$58,091.70 deposited to the Expense Fund.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

Financial reports were provided to the Board.

Financial reports are available to the public upon written request.

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### **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT - Presented by Chief Mark Peterson:**

#### **Safety/Support Services:**

Deputy Chief Erik Wallgren presented a preliminary analysis for wildland firefighting response equipment enhancement. The analysis presents several options to upgrade the Districts 1986 Chevy brush rig. Deputy Chief Wallgren recommended Option #3, which utilizes a 2006 Ford F550 currently in the City of Renton fleet. The City would retain ownership of the vehicle; however, the deployment model will remain unchanged (i.e. the brush rig will remain at Station 17). The District would provide a custom slide in unit that would include a pump, water tank, hose reel/attack line, foam injection system and dedicated nozzles. All the specifications are in a price range of \$25,000.

A copy of the analysis is on file with the minutes.

#### **Response Operations:**

Deputy Chief Erik Wallgren presented the Fire District 40 Incident Type Report for April 2011. The report includes number of responses by response type and transport data.

A copy of the Incident Type report is on file with the minutes.

#### **Significant Incidents:**

At approximately 2:15 p.m. on April 19, 2011, Engine 17, Engine 13 and Ladder 11 responded to a possible electrical fire inside a single family residence at 13031 SE 164 St. There were no injuries as a result of the fire.

#### **Office of the Fire Chief:**

As of May 11, 2011, the Bellevue/Woodinville pilot inter-local agreement to turn fire inspection duties over from King County was approved by legal counsel (including Kent's RFA counsel). This 90 day pilot will cover inspections and permitting. Fire Chiefs Daniels, Eisner, Carlson, Napier and Soptich are representing King County Fire Chiefs Association interests. The next step is for approval by the King County and Bellevue City Councils along with Woodinville Fire District Commissioners. Agencies outside the initial pilot can begin the process of entering into and ILA with King County in September.

It is King County's desire to get out of the fire inspection business. However, King County is responsible to interpret code and wants to maintain records.

King County will be laying off two additional inspectors. There will now be three inspectors in King County. This will leave the District without fire inspections being conducted at area businesses or multi-family occupancies. Currently, RF&ES does not have resources or capacity to take on additional inspections.

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Attorney Kinnon Williams stated that state law requires King County to do code enforcement. Fire Districts have no enforcement authority. King County is required to assign enforcement and there may be an issue with coordination of enforcement. Additional issues could be different inspection fee schedules set by each jurisdiction and citizens opposing the fire districts using fire district funding to pay for something that King County is responsible for.

Commissioner Ryan suggested a letter Dow Constantine and a resolution opposing King County's recommend changes to inspection responsibilities. The Board agreed and Commissioner Ryan will work with Consultant Paul Witt and Attorney Kinnon Williams on the letter and resolution.

Commissioner Little stated that this topic is on the agenda for the next King County Fire Commissioner E-Board meeting and she will recommend that the E-Board send a letter to King County in opposition to inspection responsibilities as well.

Council Member Julia Patterson submitted an ordinance for approval to the King County Council that would reduce the size of the council. The intent is to make the council small in an effort to make decisions faster.

The King County Sheriff's Office, Fire Investigation Unit (KCSO FIU) Report for Fire District 40 was presented for review. The report includes activities for the month of April 2011.

The annual Muscular Dystrophy Association "Fill the Boot" fundraiser is June 10, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 140<sup>th</sup>/Petrovitsky Road. Doug McDonald, President, I.A.F.F. 864, respectfully requested to use the District's reserve engine to stage at this event.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Little and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sartnurak to allow I.A.F.F. 864 to use the District's reserve engine to stage at the MDA "Fill the Boot" fundraiser on June 10, 2011. The **MOTION CARRIED (3-0)**.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### **Commissioner Vacancy – Position 4**

Commissioner Little stated that Steve Parsons and Curt Whitaker were interviewed for the vacant position. The qualifications of the applicants will be reviewed in executive session.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting – April 14, 2011
- b. Expense Fund Vouchers No. 05001 – 05020 – Voucher Total - \$2,126,391.59

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A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Little and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sartnurak to approve the consent calendar as presented. The **MOTION CARRIED (3-0)**.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business.

### **WORKGROUP REPORTS:**

#### **Capital Facilities / Equipment:**

Commissioner Sartnurak reported a proposal was received by TCA Architecture and Planning. The workgroup, Deputy Chief Wallgren and Facilities Director Peter Renner will meet next week to discuss the proposal and the next steps to move forward on the remodel.

Commissioner Sartnurak stated the workgroup will meet to discuss and review the brush rig proposal presented by Deputy Chief Erik Wallgren.

Consultant Paul Witt requested permission from the Board to work with Renton Fleet to dispose of the remaining miscellaneous items (apparatus lenses, etc.) lying around. The Board authorized disposal of remaining miscellaneous parts, pieces, etc.

#### **Community Relations:**

There was nothing new to report at this time.

#### **Finance:**

Commissioner Little stated that she spoke with Jim Nelson/Martin, Nelson and Company in regards to paying off bonds.

Consultant Paul Witt stated that last fall the Board did, as part of the 2011 budget process, decided to pay off the 2003 bonds, using funds from the projected 2010 Expense Fund "end balance". The "end balance" was projected to be about \$1,317,973.08 and was identified to pay off the 2003 bonds.

Attorney Kinnon Williams recommend paying off the bonds prior to the 2012 budget process which begins in September.

Consultant Paul Witt reported the participants in the Valley Medical Center levy funds will be meeting soon for the purpose of reviewing the distribution of 2012 contract funds.

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**Policy:**

There was nothing new to report at this time.

**Risk Management:**

There was nothing new to report at this time.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Erin Aboudara, External Affairs Rep, Fairwood Greens announced a safety event planned for the neighborhood and invited the District to participate.

Curt Whitaker suggested the District contact Reagan Dunn in regards to the King County inspection issues. He feels Regan Dunn is interested in county issues that affect fire districts and he may support the Districts resolution.

**ONCE AROUND THE TABLE:**

Commissioner Sartnurak reported on the King County Fire Commissioners Association meeting hosted by the District. The presenter was Jim Nelson from Martin, Nelson and Company. He discussed bonds and provided good information to the attendees.

Commissioner Little stated the meeting was very informative.

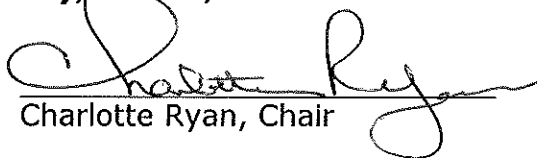
There were no additional Board comments.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Board went into a twenty minute Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. to discuss disposition of real estate under guidelines of RCW 42.30.110. The Executive Session was extended an additional ten minutes at 5:50 p.m. The Executive Session ended at 6:00 p.m.

There was no further business or discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners will be held on **Thursday, June 9, 2011 at 4:30 P.M.**

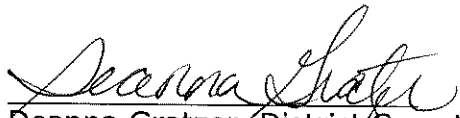
  
Charlotte Ryan, Chair

  
Mike Warfel, Commissioner

  
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Deanna Gratz, District Secretary

Attachment Meeting Agenda  
Chief's Report  
RF&ES 2010 Annual Report  
Preliminary Analysis/Brush Rig