

EASTSIDE FIRE & RESCUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
July 11, 2019
4 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Eastside Fire & Rescue was held on July 11, 2019, at Eastside Fire & Rescue Headquarters, 175 Newport Way NW, Issaquah, WA.

PRESENT: Chair Alan Gothelf (City of North Bend)
Vice Chair Chris Reh (City of Issaquah)
Board Director Larry Rude (Fire District 10)
Board Director Don Smith (Fire District 10)
Board Director Karen Moran (City of Sammamish)
Board Director Matt Talbot (Fire District 38)
Board Director Stacy Goodman (City of Issaquah)
Alt. Board Director Pam Stuart (City of Sammamish) (*late arrival*)
Board Secretary Jamie Formisano

STAFF: Fire Chief Jeff Clark
Deputy Chief Greg Tryon
Deputy Chief Richard Burke
Deputy Chief Ben Lane
Budget Analyst Scott Faires

AUDIENCE: Commissioner Alan Martin (Fire District 10)
Commissioner Anita Sandall (Fire District 10)
Commissioner Gloria Hatcher-Mays (Fire District 10)
President Dean deAlteriis (Local Union 2878)
Mayor Mary Lou Pauly (City of Issaquah)

ABSENT: Board Director Ramiro Valderrama (City of Sammamish) (*excused*)

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Gothelf called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL & FLAG SALUTE: Chair Gothelf took roll call and led the flag salute.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

- EF&R 20 Year Anniversary: Removed from Agenda.
- ESGR Patriot Award: Chief Clark received the ESGR Patriot Award, which recognizes an individual for their actions for treatment of Armed Service members.
- Introduction and searing in of Probationary Firefighters.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

IT WAS MOVED BY DIRECTOR RUDE, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR REH TO: Approve the Consent Agenda. MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

1. Agenda Bill 2019-23 (Approval of Board Minutes and Financial Recap)

51 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Finance and Administrative Committee (FAC): No meeting held.

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53 **FIRE CHIEF BRIEFING:**

- 54 • PFAS: The scope of work has been submitted and being reviewed by DOE.
55 Environmental Attorney will attend the September Board meeting. Provided an update
56 on SammPlatt's involvement. Discussed recent Issaquah Reporter article that is not
57 100% factual.
- 58 • Regional HazMat Program: The Zone has experienced differences of opinion on the
59 intent of the program and EF&R is temporarily storing the HazMat vehicle. EF&R is
60 continuing providing resources and will keep the Board informed of any updates.
- 61 • First Explorer Graduation was a success with 18 graduates and the department is looking
62 forward to continuing growing the program in future years.
- 63 • [Community Connect](#) is live with over 140 citizens signed up.
- 64 • Fire Corps: The first half of the year the Fire Corps have over 1230 hours donated to the
65 community at events.
- 66 • Fire Reserves: Four Reserves were hired, two of whom were hired at EF&R.
- 67 • EF&R Drone Presentation at North Bend Library will be held on July 17, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00
68 p.m. NO RSVP required.

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70 **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 71 1. EF&R Governance Discussion: (presentation attached) Briefed on the intent of the
72 discussion to collect questions to present to the Attorney for continued dialogue.
73 Important items to consider while discussing Governance; Employer of Record and
74 Ownership of Assets. Reviewed Governance Options document. Discussion ensued:
- 75 ○ Membership: No impact or changes to entities who currently contract for services,
76 unless the entity considers joining as a Partner.
 - 77 ○ Ability to own assets: New entity and current members could both own entities.
78 Stations vs. apparatus.
 - 79 ○ Finances: Taxing authority would be left to the proposed agreement, except as
80 an RFA.
 - 81 ○ Discussed RFA Climate and the potential lifetime of the Fire Benefit Charge
82 (FBC)
 - 83 ○ Process for developing a charter and moving the proposed governance forward.
84 This would include a presentation from the attorney to assist through the process.
 - 85 ○ Cities would need to take the conversation back to their respective Councils.
 - 86 ○ Discussed timeline and the goal of 2019 year end to decide on how the Board
87 would like to move forward.

88 The Board unanimously agree to invite the attorney to attend a future Board meeting to
89 discuss the differences between the Governmental Non-Profit and Public Utility Model
90 as well as data to understand how the new model would differ from current model.

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92 2. Mutual Aid Discussion (Potential referral to FAC): Briefed on current mutual aid
93 operations as it relates to the City of Snoqualmie and Fall City. Discussed proposed
94 recommendations to include operational changes, political involvement, intention of
95 mutual aid, staffing decisions, impacts to response times, and costs of administrative
96 courtesy. Discussed the potential of Gift of Public Funds by providing a level of service
97 that is higher than the level of service provided by their own jurisdictions. Discussed the
98 potential of forming a Task Force to include a member from the Snoqualmie Tribe. The
99 Union was asked to provide input, who discussed the political impact vs. the service
100 impact.

101 IT WAS MOVED BY DIRECOR RUDE, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR GOODMAN TO:
102 Request the FAC to provide a recommendation to the EF&R Board that focuses on the
103 revenue and financial implications of both the mutual aid discussion and Sammamish
104 operational needs to be reviewed at the September EF&R Board meeting. MOTION
105 CARRIED, 8-0.
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- 107 3. Staffing Attrition Discussion (Potential Action) : EF&R has the intent to send an additional
108 four employees to the Fall Academy. IT WAS MOVED BY DIRECOR MORAN,
109 SECONDED BY DIRECOR RUDE TO: Approve the hiring of four additional employees
110 to send through the Fall recruit academy. MOTION CARRIED, 8-0.
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112 **GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE DISCUSSION:**

- 113 1. Revenue and Expense Report: Included in packet.
114 2. Incidents Activity Report: Included in packet.
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116 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None
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118 **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- 119 • Kittitas County Medic One submitted a thank you letter in appreciation of the Board's
120 surplus of bunker gear.
121 • North Bend Block Party being held on July 20, 2019.
122 • Station 71 led the City of Issaquah 4th of July Parade, which was a huge success.
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124 **CALENDAR REVIEW:**


- 125 • EF&R Agenda Review – July 24, 2019 (**CANCELLED**)
126 • FAC – July 31, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 P.M., HQ (*lunch provided*) (**DATE CHANGE**)
127 • EF&R Warrant Review – August 8, 2019 (**CANCELLED**)
128 • EF&R Board Meeting – August 8, 2019 (**CANCELLED**)
129 • FAC – August 28, 2019, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m., HQ (*lunch provided*)
130 • EF&R Agenda Review – August 28, 2019, 4:00 p.m., HQ (*Sammamish*)
131 • EF&R Warrant Review – September 12, 2019, 3:00 p.m., HQ (*Sammamish*)
132 • EF&R Board Meeting – September 12, 2019, 4:00 p.m., HQ
133 • EF&R Awards Banquet – October 5, 2019, 6:00 p.m., Sahalee Country Club
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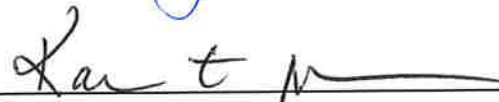
135 **ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Gothelf adjourned the meeting at 5:51 p.m.
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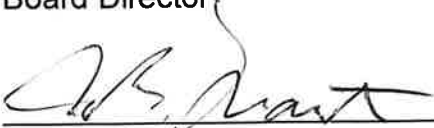
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