

King County Fire District 44
Scheduled Board of Commissioner Meeting
January 12, 2010

I. Meeting Called to Order. Commissioner James Farrell called the regularly scheduled meeting of the board of commissioners to order at 18:30 hours.

Present from District 44

Commissioner James Farrell	Commissioner F. Dan Bjurstrom
Commissioner Robin Mauro	Commissioner Frederick Heistuman
Commissioner Andy Benedetti	

Also present were Chief Smith, Deputy Chief Mike Barlow, Project Manager Mike Stankus, and District Secretary Pamela Ratcliffe.

Union Representative: Capt Bill Eberlein, and FF Ryan McGinnis

The meeting was held at District 44, Station 95, 32316 148th Ave SE, Auburn, Wa. 98092.

II. Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner F. Dan Bjurstrom led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Agenda. Commissioner Robin Mauro made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Andy Benedetti seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Swearing in of Board Members F. Dan Bjurstrom and Frederick Heistuman.

Annual Organizational Meeting. Commissioner Farrell called for nominations for Chair and Vice Chair.

Commissioner Frederick Heistuman nominated James Farrell for Chairman. Commissioner Robin Mauro seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Andy Benedetti nominated F. Dan Bjurstrom for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Robin Mauro seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The board will review committees and re-assign members.

IV. Consent Agenda.

Commissioner James Farrell called for approval of the consent agenda, which includes minutes of December 16, 2009 and the vouchers. Commissioner Robin Mauro made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Andy Benedetti seconded the motion. The motion carried.

VII. Public Comment. None

Union Comment. Local 3186 provided a letter to the Board of Commissioner indicating their desire to provide “man power” to help the district with facility maintenance items.

Reimbursement of overpayment of wages on hold until the Local is notified of a re-payment plan set into policy by the board.

Chief Smith is currently working with Captain Jewett to provide program directives for each set of duties listed under “Career Projects”.

VIII. Chief’s Report.

1. Howard Hansen Dam. Core of Engineers have revised their reports on flood possibilities to 1 in 33 chance of the Green River flooding.

2. Incident Response. No significant calls in 2010 YTD. Dec 28, 2009 the district did report to a fire at 312th and 172nd. Tim Perciful took up a collection for the family to initially replace their lost holiday gifts. The district administration, volunteers, and Local raised approximately \$4,000 for the family. It was covered by King5 News.

3. Bond. Midi Pumper delivered. The shop will be outfitting tools in the next several weeks. This apparatus was purchased using a FEMA Grant.

4. Valley Com. Chief Barlow will be representing local Fire Districts for contracting CAD updates with ValleyCom.

5. Housing Market. Sales and number of homes on the market in King County still down, but the average prices have come up a small degree.

6. Black Diamond, City of. New Mayor and Council members in office now. The district will invite a meeting to introduce Fire District personnel as soon as possible.

Chief Barlow continues working on Master Plan with the City, he represents the need for fire district presence with the growing Black Diamond district by Yarrow Bay development

City of Black Diamond offered office space for the district to consider.

The City appreciates the support they receive from the fire district during their public events, ie; Christmas Tree Lighting and Polar Bear Swim. Tim Perciful works well with city personnel.

7. Enumclaw, City of. New Mayor in office now, Commissioner Farrell arranging a meeting. Chief Barlow and Chief Smith plan a meeting with the new Fire Chief.

IX. Old Business. Chief would like policy to change name from “Old” Business to “Unfinished Business”.

1. Dist 44/Muckleshoot Sta 96. Ongoing meetings with Steve Taylor are bringing the lease agreement closer to conclusion. The project will be two phased, phase one is funded with the District

Bond and will build the New Station 96. Phase two will be a planned training facility when funds become available via possible grant applications.

The tribe's first step will be to perform an archeological survey of the site.

2. Strategic Planning. Chief Smith will review status of committees. Will also plan for long-range planning meeting for Spring 2010.

3. District Credit Card Policy 3.9.

Commissioner F. Dan Bjurstrom moved to approve the Credit Card Policy 3.9. Commissioner Frederick Heistuman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. 2010 Budget . The finance committee will meet to finalize the 2010 Budget.

X. New Business.

1. Policy 2.5 Organized Labor Agreement Full Time Career Uniformed Personnel March 1995 (Addition of language, support of District for personnel volunteering in their home communities). In support of the Safer Grant application this policy states that the district supports volunteering of employees in their communities. This policy does not effect the contract between Fire District 44 and Local 3186.

Commissioner Frederick Heistuman moved to adopt the modified Policy 2.5 Organized Labor Agreement. Commissioner Robin Mauro seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. Policy 3.8 Overpayment of Wages. This policy mirrors State Law and has been review by district legal council. This is the first reading.

3. Purchasing Agreement between KCFD44 and LOTT Alliance (Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater and Thurston County, Sewer and Water).

Lott Alliance would like to you're the districts Qwest phone bid. An Interlocal Cooperative Purchase Agreement was provided for the boards approval.

Commissioner F. Dan Bjurstrom moved to approve signing the Interlocal Agreement. Commissioner Frederick Heistuman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Training Tower Emergency Repair Resolution 10-456. Mike Stankus provided the engineers report supporting the request for emergency repairs to the training tower located at Station 95.

Bids will be provided for Building Committee/Board approval.

XI. Board for Volunteer Fire Fighters.

1. Vouchers. Commissioner Farrell and Pamela Ratcliffe authorized for payment. 4 invoice vouchers to BVFF to process medical billing.

Executive Session. None

There will be a brief _____ session as per RCW 42.30.140 section 4 subsection (b) to discuss _____. It is anticipated that the executive session will last approximately _____ minutes and the meeting will be back in open session at _____

Commissioners Report.

1. Installation Banquet. Maplewood Golf Course. January 20, 2010.
2. Saturday Seminar schedule issued for 2010.

XII. Signing of documents. The commissioners signed approved documents.

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner James Farrell asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Robin Mauro made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Frederick Heistuman seconded the motion. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2025.

The next regular meeting at Station 95, January 26, 2010 – 1830 hours.

James Farrell, Chair

Robin Mauro

Frederick Heistuman

F. Dan Bjurstrom

Andy Benedetti

Pamela Ratcliffe, District Secretary
King County Fire Protection District No. 44