

# King County Fire Protections District No. 47

Chairperson: Tracy Styles Chief: Chris Doleshel

District Secretary: Shannon Anderson

## Minutes of January 14, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District #47 was called to order by Commissioner Styles at 7:03pm.

Commissioner Styles explained that we're not able to function as a board until we have another Commissioner. We do have a lot of on-going items, but because we don't have a majority of the board we're not able to make decisions, so this is an informational meeting. We'll share and gather information but we can't make any decisions today.

**Secretary Report:** The audit is pretty much wrapped up. Shannon and Chief have a meeting (the final meeting?) on January 24<sup>th</sup> for exit item recommendations. Final update should be next meeting. Shannon did demo with Springbrook for the new accounting software. Since it was already approved, Shannon will be moving forward with this. Trainings are coming soon. Goal is to have it live by March.

**Correspondence:** Shannon received Commissioner Ray's resignation letter after the Special Meeting was closed on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024. It was effective immediately.

### **Financial Report**:

Balance of funds on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Expense Fund: \$400,481.96-\$13,536.52 (December Expense Vouchers)=\$386,945.44

**GO Bond Fund: \$1,148.88** 

### **Vouchers:**

### Chief's Report:

- Calls: 124 responses as of 12/31/2024.
- Administrative:
  - a SOPs/SOGs: revisions in process for Volunteer compensation, BVFF Pension and Commissioner's Duties.
- COVID Grant: Emma submitted final
- IT: primary alarm phone line is not working. Problem between Xfinity connections at HQ and alarm panel. Connection w/Valleycom unstable. Need to Electrician out here.
- Stipends/Volunteer Points
  - a Need resolution to issue SOP

- Segale: No update.
- Budget: Working on 2025
  - a 4 sets bunker gear
  - b No large purchases
- Personnel: 2 new EMT's
- Equipment:
  - 1. Breathing air compressor
    - a. Due to ship Mid 2025
  - 2. Cameras -no update
  - 3. Door Locks-Having issues, getting quotes for new
  - 4. Obtained new rugged laptop from King County.
  - 5. Vehicles:
- Annual Maintenance in progress
  - i. A88-Done
  - ii. TN89-Done
  - iii. BR88-Done
  - iv. TN88-Done-Needs to go to FL for oil leak warranty repair
  - v. E88-Done-Needs to go to Cummins or FL for oil leak repair
  - vi. E89-Done
  - Radios: Annual maintenance completed.
  - Other:
    - O Station 89 break in on 07/07: Most new equipment received

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- 1. Levy Lift-Will have to wait until we have new Commissioner(s), but we're still within the time limit.
- 2. Strategic assessment. Will have to wait until we have new Commissioner(s). Equipment committee and Captain Wolf has a lot of information that was already given so this will be useful.
- 3. Investigation-Still on-going. Commissioner Styles and Chief heard from investigators within the last few days. She had some additional questions, they are following up with those. We will continue moving forward.
- 4. Duane looked into cameras for buildings-still working on this. We can't move forward on the expense for this until we have a full board.
- 5. Charge accounts have been set up. Shannon will send Chief an email on which accounts are set up and which ones are still pending.
- 6. Once we have a full board we'll have to work on the signage project. Commissioners will approve budget, but volunteers will approve sign.

#### **New Business:**

Commissioner Styles explained the process for replacing the two commissioners that both resigned on 12/21/24. Because we were left with one Commissioner, the county steps in and appoints a new Commissioner.

Then the two commissioners will appoint a third commissioner. The county has started accepting resumes from 01/07/25-01/21/25. The only requirements are that you're a registered voter living within the boundaries of the district. Currently we have 5 applicants, but hoping for more. The county expects the interviews to happen by the 18<sup>th</sup>. The new commissioners will take over the remaining terms of the previous commissioners, so roughly 2 years and 4 years.

## Benefits Committee (Jay): N/A

**Public Comment:** A previous Chief from 25 years ago (left in 1999) was in attendance and expressed his disappointment about the timing of the resignation.

It was asked how many volunteers we have, Chief stated about 15 and 6 EMT's out of the 15 volunteers. 60%-70% calls are medical calls.

It was talked about the meeting minutes if they're online. They seem to be current from March 2024-current. The calendar for 2025 wasn't updated. We'll need to update the calendar to show the monthly Commissioner meetings.

The investigation that was started last May on Commissioner Hickey, who is conducting it? A third party company called Thompson, Guildner & Associates Inc, PS. His resignation didn't halt the investigation, but it doesn't change the plan for the review. There has been misinformation out there. He did have a radio when he was a volunteer but that was surrendered when he went on administrative leave. He has never had a district vehicle. We do need to get the video records of the meetings that he had recorded.

We will have "live-online" meetings? This was talked about. We would like to stream meetings in the future.

**Good of the Order:** Commissioner Styles congratulated the 2 new EMT's. She also thanked Shannon for going above and beyond for getting the checks out in December.

## Adjournment:

Commissioner Styles adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Anderson (District Secretary)