

MINUTES

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

DOUGLAS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2

February 18, 2021
East Wenatchee, WA

(This was a hybrid meeting conducted in compliance with the extended Proclamation No. 20-28.15 by the Governor of the State of Washington due to the COVID-19 outbreak.)

The special meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairman Dave Fennell, with Commissioner Rick McBride and Danny Johnson present. Brian Brett, Chelan County Fire District No. 1 Fire Chief and Julie Norton, Attorney also attended.

District personnel joining the meeting virtually were Captains Mike Soltwisch and Seth Ellis, Firefighters Kyle Bowles, J.P. Sokolowski and Jacob Toevs. The meeting was hosted by Executive Assistant Terri Woods, assisted by Captain Scott White.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a potential interlocal agreement for Fire Chief services with Chelan County Fire District No. 1.

Chief Brett opened the meeting with a statement that CCFD#1 was receptive to assist with administration initially, with not much expected to change operationally. Feasibility of a regional fire authority could be examined if the Commissioners chose to move in that direction.

Chairman Fennell closed the meeting at 1:08 p.m. for thirty-minutes as allowed under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to meet with legal counsel to discuss potential litigation and added the exemption under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment. Chief Brett and Attorney Julie Norton remained in the meeting. The closed meeting was extended three times for fifteen minutes each at 1:40, 1:55, and 2:10 p.m. The open meeting reconvened at 2:25 p.m.

Commissioner Johnson moved to authorize Chairman Fennell to negotiate the interlocal agreement for Fire Chief Services with Chelan County Fire District No. 1. The motion was seconded by Chairman Fennell. Motion passed. Commissioner McBride abstained.

Commissioner Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:28 p.m. Commissioner Fennell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.