

**RFA PLANNING COMMITTEE,
SPECIAL MEETING OF CHELAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 1 &
DOUGLAS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 2**

Chelan County Fire District 1: Commissioner Phil Dormaier, Commissioner Gordon Zimmerman, Commissioner Cam de Mestre

Douglas County Fire District 2: Commissioner Dave Fennell, Commissioner Danny Johnson, Commissioner Ettore Castellente

Staff: Fire Chief Brian Brett, Terri Woods, and Cindy Blaufuss

Guest: Peter Rigelman

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm. Commissioner Dormaier established a quorum for CCFD1. Commissioner Fennell established a quorum for DCFD2.

NEW BUSINESS

REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY FEASIBILITY & PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Chief Brett and Brian Snure reviewed the Draft RFA Plan presented to the Fire Commissioners at their March meetings. Brian Snure said if the RFA is on the August ballot, logistically the Chelan and Douglas County Assessors can make it effective in January 2023. He recommends Chief Brett meet with the Assessors as soon as possible for that to happen.

The RCWs requires all three Commissioners from each district participate as voting members of the RFA Planning Committee. Because of the timeline, Brian Snure also recommends using open public meetings to facilitate public input rather than adding additional members to the committee.

Commissioner Fennell made a motion to authorize the three Douglas County Fire District 2 Commissioners to participate on the RFA Planning Committee. There was a second from Commissioner Johnson. The authorization was approved.

Chief Brett presented a modified RFA budget with a January 2023 start date (previous versions had a 2024 start date). He reviewed the assumptions used to develop the budget, the staffing model, and cash flow. The Committee discussed planned facilities projects for the two districts and options for funding the projects. The Committee shared their feedback on the budget presentation and process to date.

Ettore Castellente nominated Phil Dormaier to serve as Committee Chair, the nomination was seconded by Dave Fennell; nominations were closed. Phil Dormaier was elected as Committee Chair.

The Committee agreed to weekly meetings. The next two meetings will be at 1:30 on Wednesday, April 6 and on Tuesday, April 12.

Chief Brett recommended engaging Brian Snure as joint counsel for the RFA Planning Committee.

Commissioner de Mestre made a motion (Chelan County Fire District 1) to approve the Joint Representation letter and engage Brian Snure as RFA Committee counsel. There was a second from Commissioner Zimmerman. The motion was approved.

Commissioner Castellente made a motion (Douglas County Fire District 2) to approve the Joint Representation letter and engage Brian Snure as RFA Committee counsel. There was a second from Commissioner Fennell. The motion was approved.

There being no further business, the Planning Committee adjourned at 3:14.