

**RFA PLANNING COMMITTEE,  
SPECIAL MEETING OF CHELAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 1 &  
DOUGLAS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 2  
1:30 PM, APRIL 26, 2022**

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

Douglas County Fire District 2: Commissioner Dave Fennell, Commissioner Ettore Castellente, Commissioner Danny Johnson (via phone)

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

Guests: Kathy White, Gerry Speck, George Larson, Dennis Wheeler, Pete Rigelman, Pete O'Cain, Jim Fosse, Jeremy Clark

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm.

Commissioner de Mestre made a motion to approve the April 20 Committee Minutes, there was a second from Commissioner Zimmerman. The minutes were approved.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**DRAFT REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY PLAN:**

An updated Plan with a revised Balance Sheet was presented to the Committee. Chief Brett explained the Committee is still waiting for guidance from the Department of Revenue regarding the multi-year 6% levy increase.

Commissioner Castellente made a motion to approve the revised language on page 13. The motion was seconded by Commissioner de Mestre and the revision was approved.

Commissioner Dormaier presented an Equity Calculation comparing the financial positions of the two fire districts. The debt-to-equity ratio for DCFD2 is higher than CCFD1, meaning that residents of Chelan County will assume more debt moving into an RFA.

Commissioner Dormaier requested a commitment from the Committee that the 1PR build will remain a priority for completion in 2023, and that the legacies represented by fire district memorials be maintained moving forward. The Committee members agreed. Commissioner Dormaier added that developing air assets has been a focus since the Sleepy Hollow fire and it will become more important to stop fire in the newly developed areas.

Options for prioritizing the 1PR build, apparatus, and equipment were discussed.

Commissioner de Mestre made a motion to approve the Regional Fire Authority Plan for the Wenatchee Valley Fire Department. There was a second from Commissioner Zimmerman. The Plan was unanimously approved and will return to the Fire District Commissioners for consideration.

There being no further business, the Planning Committee adjourned at 2:37.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Blaufuss