

**RFA PLANNING COMMITTEE,
SPECIAL MEETING OF CHELAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 1 &
DOUGLAS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 2
JUNE 29, 2022**

Chelan County Fire District 1: Commissioner Phil Dormaier, Commissioner Cam de Mestre (by phone)

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

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

Guests: Doug Miller

Absent: Commissioner Zimmerman

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the May 19 Committee Minutes, there was a second from Commissioner Castellente. The minutes were approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY PLAN:

In May, the Committee discussed placing a second ballot measure on the November 2022 ballot; the deadline for a ballot measure is August 2. Chief Brett met with the Chelan and Douglas County Assessors who questioned the timing because the effective date of the RFA is in late September. Brian Snure confirmed the ballot measure cannot be placed on the ballot before the effective date of the RFA.

During the Assessor meeting, Deanna Walter was able to validate the RFA budget calculations prepared by Chief Brett. The Assessors estimate the 2022 Assessed Value growth at 15-19%. If their projections are correct, that could increase RFA funding in 2023 by up to \$1.2 million over earlier revenue estimates; earlier estimates were based on recent average growth of 7.5%.

Commissioner Dormaier said this information offers the RFA more flexibility and time to assess the need for a second ballot measure in 2024.

Commissioner Dormaier made a motion to rescind the request made at the May 19 Committee meeting for the two fire districts to consider placing a measure on the November 2022 ballot. There was a second from Commissioner Fennell and the motion was approved.

There being no further business, the Planning Committee adjourned at 1:23.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Blaufuss