

**RFA PLANNING COMMITTEE,  
SPECIAL MEETING OF CHELAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 1 &  
DOUGLAS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 2  
AUGUST 17, 2022**

Chelan County Fire District 1: Commissioner Phil Dormaier, Commissioner Zimmerman, 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: Ron Roy, Marti Roy, Pete Rigelman, Kyle Dennis

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

Commissioner Castellente made a motion to approve the June 29 Committee Minutes, there was a second from Commissioner Johnson. The minutes were approved.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY:**

The August 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot measure has been certified with 57% approval.

Commissioner Dormaier asked Commissioners to comment regarding the voter approval.

Commissioner Fennell hoped for a higher approval rating in Douglas County, but the fire district has historically struggled to pass ballot measures. There has been feedback some citizens did not vote because it was the primary election. Others have said there was confusion caused by inaccurate information in the voters' pamphlet. Commissioner Fennell is prepared to move forward.

Commissioner Zimmerman said the RFA needs to move forward. The citizens will realize this is what needed to happen, and it is our job to make the RFA work.

Commissioner Johnson said there was lengthy discussion at the DCFD2 meeting last week. The public elected the Commissioners to lead the district, and it is our job to prove this was the right decision.

Commissioner Castellente believes there would have been higher voter approval with accurate information in the voters' pamphlet.

Commissioner de Mestre supports moving forward.

Ron Roy said the Commissioners are now responsible to all the citizens of the RFA. Three Commissioners from each fire district provides balanced representation, but it is now "we" and everyone needs to think that way. You are doing the right thing, the RFA is the way to go.

Kyle Dennis said it is appropriate to thank the citizens for their support. We will develop a plan to move forward, building on what is already in place.

The Commissioners agreed to schedule weekly meetings on Wednesday afternoons through the end of September. Meetings will begin at 2:00 at Fire Station 1.

There being no further business, the Planning Committee adjourned at 3:00.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Blaufuss