



**KITTITAS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #7
SPECIAL COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES
January 25, 2022 18:00**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order 18:00 hours at 5511 Airport Road, Cle Elum WA 98922, Station 72 by Commissioner Chair Dickinson. Commissioner Chair Dickinson led the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENT: Commissioner Chair Bill Dickinson, Commissioner Vice Chair Cernick, Commissioner Zipperer, Chief Sinclair, District Secretary Micallef, KVFR Commissioners, Ross Ogan, Neal Houser, and Neil O'Neil. District Secretary for KVFR Sydney McBride was present. About 17 members of the public were present. About 10 members were logged on via WebEx.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was presented. Commissioner Cernick moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Zipperer seconded the motion all parties voted to approve the agenda.

Chief Sinclair opened the meeting by explaining why this meeting is happening and what the goal of this meeting is. He described both districts' budgets and assessed values. He also explained the different ways we could achieve consolidation. Regional fire authority, merger or contractual consolidation. He explained the benefits and drawbacks from each. This is open to any other districts around the area that may be interested. Chief Sinclair advised his recommendation is to move forward with a contractual consolidation.

Commissioner Zipperer currently works as a firefighter for a district on the Westside that has been through a contractual consolidation. He talked about having a consulting firm look at the area and advising the two districts what is best for the future of both.

Commissioner Houser works for a district also that has been through a large consolidation of large districts in the Kent/SeaTac area. Now is Puget Sound Fire Authority.

Commissioner O'Neil asked the question if they did a contractual consolidation could they later do a regional fire authority if others wanted to join, and yes that can happen.

All Commissioners want to have a study session to start to go over contracts, unions, labor and other issues that would be need to be combined.

Both boards seem to feel that having a consultant come in and interview and advise on the best way to move forward. Chief Sinclair will research the costs of this and who to use before both districts next regular meetings.

Public Comments:

A member of the public wants to make sure this is sold to the firefighters.



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A member of KVFR firefighters agrees with having a consultant to make sure it is beneficial to both districts not just KCFD7.

KVFR Board voted to adjourn at 18:52.

KCFD7 Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 18:52.

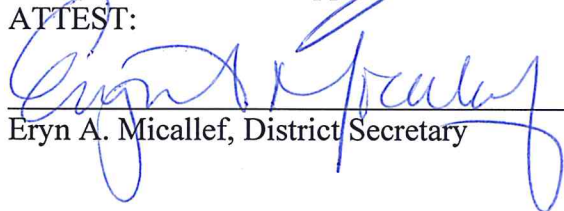
APPROVED

Kittitas County Fire District No. 7
Kittitas County Washington

By: _____
Bill Dickinson, Chair/Commissioner

By: 
Bob Cernick, Commissioner

By: 
Justin Zipperer, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Eryn A. Micallef, District Secretary