

**King County Fire District 44  
Board of Commissioners Meeting  
August 25, 2009**

**I. Meeting Called to Order.** Commissioner James Farrell called the regularly scheduled meeting of the board of commissioners to order at 18:30 hours.

Present from District 44

- Commissioner Joanne Seng
- Commissioner James Farrell
- Commissioner F. Dan Bjurstrom
- Commissioner Robin Mauro
- Commissioner Andy Benedetti

Commissioners Frederick had an excused absence. Also present were Chief Smith, Deputy Chief Mike Barlow, Project Manager Mike Stankus and District Secretary Pamela Ratcliffe.

Union Representative: Ryan McGinnis and Robert Jewett.

The meeting was held at District 44, Station 95, 32316 148<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Auburn, Wa. 98092.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance.** Commissioner F. Dan Bjurstrom led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Approval of Agenda.** Commissioner Joanne Seng made a motion to approve the agenda.. Commissioner Robin Mauro seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**IV. Consent Agenda.** Commissioner James Farrell called for approval of the consent agenda, which includes minutes of August 11, 2009 and the vouchers. Commissioner F. Dan Bjurstrom made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Robin Mauro seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REVIEW DATE: August 28, 2009  
FOR VOUCHER PERIOD: August 16, 2009 – August 31, 2009

Voucher Payroll	5,413.98		
Vouchers 55443-55495	67,557.92	72,971.90	
Online Payroll		114,682.82	
<b>Total Operations Processing</b>			187,654.72
Bond Vouchers 01042-01043	6,589.50		
<b>Total Bond Processing</b>			6,589.50
<b>Operations &amp; Bond</b>			<b>194,244.22</b>

V. **Account Balance Report.** Expenditures to date are within normal range. Mid-year adjustments have been posted. Year to date expenditures at 59%. Approximate 8% budget savings at this date.

VI. **Budget Expenditure Report.**

As of August 31, 2009	YTD	Budget	Spent	Remaining
44 Capital	\$ 133,393.92	\$ 634,160.00	21.03%	78.97%
44 Operating	\$ 639,152.50	\$ 1,241,040.00	51.50%	48.50%
44 Payroll	\$ 1,516,548.30	\$ 2,347,628.56	64.60%	35.40%
44 Volunteer Operating	\$ 25,938.53	\$ 49,900.00	51.98%	48.02%
44 Volunteer Payroll	\$ 113,246.00	\$ 211,000.00	53.67%	46.33%
44 Transfers Out	\$ -			
*Does not include VRFA pymt				
<b>Mountain View F&amp;R</b>	<b>\$ 2,428,279.25</b>	<b>\$ 4,483,728.56</b>	<b>54.16%</b>	<b>45.84%</b>
BD Capital	\$ 324.71	\$ 5,000.00	6.49%	93.51%
BD Operating	\$ 40,390.73	\$ 153,619.00	26.29%	73.71%
BD Payroll	\$ 264,141.52	\$ 386,418.00	68.36%	31.64%
<b>Black Diamond</b>	<b>\$ 304,856.96</b>	<b>\$ 545,037.00</b>	<b>55.93%</b>	<b>44.07%</b>
2009 44/BD Budget	\$ 3,302,599.71	\$ 5,598,229.06	58.99%	41.01%
*Does include VRFA pymt				
<b>Bond Project 2008</b>	<b>\$ 202,044.29</b>	<b>\$ 4,431,200.00</b>	<b>4.56%</b>	<b>95.44%</b>

VII. **Public Comment.** None.

**Union Comment.** Ryan McGinnis attended the Black Diamond City council meeting. Fire district funding was topic presented by citizen Mr. Ron Taylor. Mr. Taylor is a citizen of Black Diamond and has employment history in emergency services. His report was prepared without input from KCFD44/Black Diamond Fire. He has requested that the City look to additional funding for its Fire/EMS services.

VIII. **Chief's Report.**

1. **Incident Response.** All routine during last two weeks. District 44 sent a hand team member/tender to a Greenwater incident.

2. **Howard Hansen Dam.** District 44 hosted a meeting with KC Sheriff's office continuing planning for possible flooding in the district.

Staffing, Logistics, Response Issues, Normal Logistical Issues.

District 44 has approximately 140-150 homes that may be affected during the next 1-5 years.

The dam is currently building a 450' grout curtain in an attempt to reduce the flow of water.

3. **Sta 99 Repair.** Repair project should be completed within the next two weeks. New bay doors being installed are one foot wider making it easier to access parking.

4. **City of Black Diamond.** Election preliminary shows Kuzaro and Saas running for council seat #4 being vacated by Olness. Olness and Botts running for Mayor.

**5. North Highline Fire.** Area X on ballot for annexation by City of Burien. North Highline to service through 2012. Area Y eventually to be annexed by City of Seattle.

**6. Bonds Issues.** SCBA and Apparatus contracts completed.

**7. Planning Committees.** Organization/Staffing committee no report. Mentoring committee planning on survey of last class of RIT's. Building Committee to meet September 11, 2009, 10:00, Station 95.

**8. Grants.** Will complete Safer Grant when available and will continue to encourage City of Black Diamond to apply as well.

New Station 96 Grant request for part of 210 million dollars. They received 6,025 application requests.

**Executive Session.** Closed session 17:50-18:00

There will be a brief **CLOSED** session as per RCW 42.30.140 section 4 subsection (b) to discuss \_\_collective bargaining\_\_. It is anticipated that the executive session will last approximately \_\_10\_\_ minutes and the meeting will be back in open session at \_\_18:00\_\_.

## **IX. Old Business.**

**1. District Bonds** – See Chiefs Report 6. Sta 93, legal description pending. Septic system currently being serviced. Upon complete of both roof project will start. Storm Water and Roofing project at Station 95 will need discussion with Building Committee. Phone System replacement clarification report due August 26, 2009.

**2. Sta 98 Remodel** - Generator project in process.

**3. Sta 99 Repair** – See Chiefs Report. 3.

**4. Mid Year Budget Adjustment.** – Chief Barlow presented final mid-year adjustments. Commissioner Joanne Seng made a motion to approve the mid year adjustments as provided. Commissioner Andy Benedetti seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**5. Draft Muckleshoot Lease** (New Station 96). Chief Smith has had Brian Snure, Atty review the draft budget drafted by Muckleshoot Indian Tribe. There were several points that were questioned and revised. The board has provided opinion on following for Chief Barlow to move forward with contract negotiations.

- Attachment B –clarify property address as 19317 SE 384<sup>th</sup> St, Auburn, WA 98092
- 40 year lease expires – will add caveat for 20 year extension
- Confirm language regarding notification to MIT if the district spent more than \$250,000 on building improvements.
- Insurance claims – confirm language that any insurance claim funds be directed to KCFD44

Commissioner Bjurstrom requested that we confirm with Attorney Brian Snure whether the district should have someone schooled in Tribal Law review the contract prior to final signature.

**X. New Business.**

**1. Flu Shots.** District will be providing 3 flue shots. 2 H1N1 and 1 standard flu.

**2. Kent Schools.** Chief Smith received direction on a request from Kent Schools. Possibility of striking teachers requesting use of Sta 98 facilities.

**3. 2010 Budget.** Chief Barlow provided 2010 Proposed Budget. Three versions open for discussion – 0%, 15% decrease, and 28% decrease. District AV figures could be available after Labor Day or as far out as November 2009.

**Commissioners Report.**

**1. Representative Visit.** State Representative Christopher Hurst will visit 9/22/09 board meeting at request of Commissioner Seng. <http://www.christopherhurst.org/>

**2. Conference.** Commissioner conference October 22-24, 2009 in Spokane.

**3. September 8, 2009.** Commissioner Seng and Commissioner Farrell will not be at 9/8/09 board meeting. Commissioners Bjurstrom, Heistuman, Benedetti and Mauro need to attend to meet quorum.

**4. Pool Funds.** Commissioner Bjurstrom requested a review of Pool Fund balances with the goal of providing additional monies for the Emergency Operating Fund.

**XII. Signing of documents.** The commissioners signed approved documents.

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner James Farrell asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Joanne Seng made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Robin Mauro seconded the motion. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 20:25.

The next regular meeting at Station 95, September 8, 2009 – 1830 hours.

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James Farrell, Chair

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Robin Mauro

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Frederick Heistuman

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F. Dan Bjurstrom (phone)

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Joanne Seng

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Andy Benedetti

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Pamela Ratcliffe, District Secretary  
Board of Commissioners  
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