

**KITTITAS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #2**  
**Ellensburg, Washington**

**Minutes of:** Commissioners' Board Meeting  
**Meeting date:** July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
**Meeting time:** 7:00pm  
**Meeting place:** 400 E. Mountain View, Station 29

**Commissioners in Attendance:** Ross Ogan, Jerry Pettit, and Neil O'Neill and Scott Ciraulo.  
Commissioner Pat Clerf had an excused absence.

**Others in Attendance:** Chief DJ Goldsmith, ASM McBride, FSM Cramer and numerous firefighters and members of the public.

**1. Call to Order:** Commissioner Ogan called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

Commissioner O'Neill made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Pettit seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

**3. Consent Agenda**

3.1 Approve Proposed Meeting Minutes

- June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025- Meeting Minutes
- July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025- Special Meeting Minutes

3.2 Acknowledge Correspondence

- Thank you note from Carolyn Miller

3.3 Authorize to pay vouchers

JULY 2025		
Batch #	Amount	Description
2025.07.01	\$547,196.06	Payroll - General Fund 010
2025.07.02	\$220,120.79	Payroll - EMS Fund 011
2025.07.03	\$100,146.52	Accounts Payable - General Fund 010
2025.07.04	\$106,407.33	Accounts Payable - EMS Fund 011
2025.07.05	\$1,499.05	Accounts Payable - CON Fund 020
2025.07.06	\$6,398.62	Accounts Payable - Equipment Fund 041
\$981,768.37		

**4. Badge Pinning Ceremony Dustin Mohan:** Chief Goldsmith presented a oath of Captain Position to Dustin Mohan and shared a story about Dustin's leadership. Dustin Mohan's family attended the event.

**5. Kittitas Valley Hospital Proposition 1:** Jason Adler CEO and Deb Callan CNO both with KVH, were invited to attend the meeting. Jason provided a presentation about the KVH ballot measure running on August 5<sup>th</sup>. The presentation covered:

- Local care is the focus of KVH because it is special when local providers care for the local community.
- KVH is trying to make sure we are preparing for family birthing. Labor and delivery services are a massive financial loss for rural health systems. It requires 24/7 for three people to be on call. Usually, its in the middle of the night, when the babies are being born and it is a major barrier to rural delivery.

- Some people only take the one provider, but some deliveries it takes every provider to sustain the delivery.
- The levy is for labor and delivery.
- The levy would help keep careers locally in Ellensburg, as they build up primary care.

Commissioner O'Neill commented to continue to keep communication open and transparent. Chief Goldsmith commented that KVFR's partnership is growing everyday and Deb is a huge part of that, we are truly appreciating the open communication.

Commissioner Pettit commented that he appreciates keeping KVH financially sound.

**6. Public Comment:** FF Haberman wished to thank the board for the use of the facilities for the fourth of July pancake breakfast.

### **7. Administrative Reports:**

**7.1 Finance Report:** FSM Cramer presented the attached report and addressed the following:

- June Revenues and expenses.
- Funds received from California wildfire on July 1<sup>st</sup> \$127,000.
- Requesting a finance committee meeting, determine a plan for moving forward as well as budget discussion.
- We met with PCG this week. Data is due at the end of the month.
- OT report is attached.

**7.2 District Secretary Report:** District Secretary McBride presented the attached report and addressed the following:

- We had two resignations over the past two months.
- The SIP has been submitted to L&I for the FIIRE program.
- Our GEMT cost per transport notice sets our rate at \$2,820.00
- Medicaid updates are that the latest federal bill did not reduce GEMT, but it may reduce who can utilize this service. This would equate to revenue loss because our services are highly utilized by Medicaid patients. Additionally, there is no payment extension legislation right now the 22.6% super rural modifier. This equates to about \$250,000 in add on's that would go away next year. It would also affect this year's revenue starting on October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Chief Goldsmith spoke and asked the question-Do we increase our fees to cover the costs of the ambulance fees to make up the difference? With the new potential OSHA rules this would also eliminate 80-90% of our volunteers. Estimates from fire chiefs are that this would cost \$15,000 per firefighter to implement this. We don't have the bandwidth to do all the training that will be required.

**7.3 Deputy Chief Report:** Chief Goldsmith presented the attached report and addressed the following:

- The June responses totaled 430; 348 EMS, 33 Out of County Transfers and 74 Fire Responses. YTD is 2740 which is an 16.8% increase from 2024.
- Michael Boardman and Kris Vanicek just graduated paramedic school.
- Chance graduated from CWTA and is on A-shift.
- The REMS unit was on a deployment to the POMAS fires, we have received positive feedback, due to staffing Chief Goldsmith has brought them home.

**7.4 Chief Report:** Chief Goldsmith presented the attached report and addressed the following:

- Ian brown has resigned from the agency, the temporary FF has returned back to the resident program.
- OT is high due to the staffing issues.
- We are looking at this transfer issue, it is a concern for our folks. There was a non-injury BLS transfer at 1130. Chief is having conversations with the hospital and they are very supportive of a daytime car between 8 and 8.
- With our current medic matrix, it takes 6-12 months to get people signed off as medics in the system. Chief Moen has been working on a matrix and Sarah Sinclair. Dr. Horsley has approved it and it should help the agency. Not having medics signed off quickly costs the agencies hundreds of thousands of dollars. Fantastic job of helping get that done. This will help with the day car and Chief's projections are that we can run about 3.5 transfers in the 12 hour period to be a net zero cost to the agency. Two daytime folks plus the crews that are on to keep that balance, right around 3.2%. He is working on finalize the policy that matches and works within everyone parameters.
- Response models have been completed.
- Chief sat with Director Elliott and got some good run cards. Chief has seen a lot of really good changes, with volunteers responding to incidents.
- There has been a job offer with a start date of August 1, with a new individual for Kittcom, he has the capability to get us fully implemented soon, help allow us to use the analytics.
- Chief submitted a bill for the Haz-Mat response and a check is being written. It's about \$4,500 back to the agency.
- Reimbursement for California has been received.
- REMS was deployed for 18 days, as he stated staffing is the most important thing and he told everyone from the very beginning that until staffing is met he wont send a team out and will not keep them out if it affects staffing. For this deployment REMS deployment staffing was met at KVFR and didn't effect day to day operations here.
- Budget remains a top priority, we are receiving revenue from these deployments.
- Chief met with Brian Elliott and has a plan moving forward to assess the county buildings for a contract for service. He will create a matrix that is followed by everyone that is billed. The county commissioners are aware of this. We have support. It will bring a fair amount of money back to the agency.
- Jake Yakes has a great plan moving forward and their needs are met and we can help supply that to the Rodeo.
- Airlift northwest, KVH and ALNW have a preferred provider air support agreement. Deb and her team are excited about this, it streamlines a lot of things, they are meeting tomorrow at kittcom for the rest of the agreements.
- Chief Goldsmith is looking at putting a rotor in our backlot for quicker response. They will see what they can do to help supplement our transfers. Chief knows what they can provide for our folks.
- We are still working toward the Sun East and Manastash annexation.
- Chief Goldsmith is working with the owner of Station 26. The owner understands the ultimate goal is fair market value for the corner land. He will honor his fathers wishes and is very open to that. We got the water fixed out there.

- Schedule is Monday-Thursday. He is moving kids to college next month. His best friend Dave Tinsdale was shot in the Idaho fire response and is got flown out yesterday. He did not attend the services for the other FF's because Dave was not going to be in Spokane for him to visit.
- Chief is still doing well at Columbia southern. Chief Moen is coming back on Sunday.
- Chief will be working to get a wildland assignment for the next two weeks, to be able to keep his wildland qualifications.
- Chief Goldsmith is requesting from the board what they want him to hit this year in the Strategic plan process. He signed a letter they will be doing a study on fire agency consolidation. Commissioner Pettit asked who is they? Chief reponded county commissioners. All but one fire chief in the county signed it, we all get the benefit for a standards of coverage study.
- LMC conversations have been great. The local has a lot of resources at their disposal part of that is the GIS program that breaks down all of the analytics. President DeHerrera talked to us about wanting to cooperative with partnering which is a huge benefit to the agency.
- Chief met with Chief Lamaroux from East Valley and got some great ideas for building a strategic plan. He will give us the template to ask our community to start building upon. He would like this done by November.
- KVFR is changing we have had a lot of growth of an agency a lot of growth and they are an incredible team for our citizens and you all. They are doing amazing things in our community. The support of everywhere we go our image is so phenomenal attributed to KVFR's people. We have to work through it in a timely manner. Great conversations and forth going with the team and feedback with the team. Lots of great ideas keep moving the agency forward and upward.

**7.5 Commissioner Report:** Commissioner Pettit spoke that Chief covered a lot for what is happening at Kittcom already but as a whole Kittcom is doing great. They are getting coverage in areas that didn't before through the state wide upgrade process. Staffing is improving. Before the end of the year they will be at 16.

## **8. Unfinished Business:**

**8.1 Interlocal Agreement/Contract Kittitas County Fire District 4:** Chief Goldsmith shared that he received a message from Chief Rose earlier this week that his board approved the vantage contract. The only change from last version the board saw this contract is that it now states unified command instead of KVFR just being command. The reason behind this change is because if KVFR is command, we cannot request state mobilization resources, under unified command it would give the capability for us to request additional resources. The contract is for the amount we originally discussed. Commissioner Pettit made a motion to approve the ILA with KCFD4. Commissioner Clerf seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

## **9. New Business:**

**9.1 KVFR AP Process/Finance Committee Meeting:** ASM spoke about how KVFR is transitioning to cutting our own checks for AP and payroll and the policies and resolutions that will need to be made before this can happen. The finance committee set a date of next Thursday, July 17 at 0900 for a meeting surrounding budget and the needed steps for cutting our own checks. Commissioner Pettit commented that he strongly supports this move because he agrees its double work to process things through the county.

**9.2 Contract for Fire Protection Services 18740 Manastash Road:** Commissioner Pettit made a motion to approve the Fire Protection services contract. Commissioner Clerf seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

**10. Good of the Order:** None.

**11. Executive Session:** Commissioner Ogan announced at 8:16pm that the board would be going into executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1) (g) To review the performance of a public employee. The executive session would be for 20 minutes until 8:36pm. Commissioner Ogan requested Chief Goldsmith and HR Manager McBride remain for the executive session to meet with the Board members. At 8:36pm it was announced that the executive session would extend for 20 minutes until 8:56pm. The regular meeting resumed at 8:56 pm.

**12. Fire Chief Performance Evaluation** Commissioner Clerf made a motion to approve the Fire Chief Evaluation. Commissioner O'Neill seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

**11. Adjournment**

Commissioner O'Neill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Clerf seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm hours.

  
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Board Chair

  
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District Secretary

