



## Bi-North Fire District Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2018

Station 71, 911 NE Liberty Road, Poulsbo

### Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Ingalls.

### Present:

Poulsbo Fire: Commissioner Ingalls, Commissioner Green, Commissioner Ellingson,  
Commissioner Uberuaga, Chief Griffin, Battalion Chief Gillard

North Kitsap Fire: Commissioner Neupert, Commissioner Huntington, Commissioner Stewart,  
Commissioner Gregory, Chief Smith

Staff: Michéle Laboda (NKF&R) and Lise Alkire (PFD)

Chair Ingalls called the meeting to order and invited Chiefs Griffin and Smith to provide updates on their respective district's current status.

Chief Griffin provided updates on the boat purchased through a Port Security Grant from FEMA and recent hires (4 firefighters, three of whom were hired through a SAFER grant and one to fill a recent retirement.) He also noted that the district was strongly considering putting a lid lift measure on November's ballot, potentially a "permanent" lid lift such as was successfully passed by SKF&R at last year's election. In 2019, the district will, in tandem with NKF&R, run a measure to renew the EMS levy; and, in 2020 the district may run another capital bond measure.

Chief Smith noted that the District's 1999 voter-approved bond measure will be retired at the end of 2018 as well as the four-year Maintenance and Operation (M&O) levy that was approved in 2014. It is their intent to run another M&O levy in 2018 to fund needed facility maintenance and repair as well as upgrade their apparatus inventory. There are on-going discussions with the Suquamish Tribe regarding the Suquamish station and its challenges, such as it needs to be replaced and the location may no longer be the most effective. They are also in discussion with the tribe regarding commercial response and the cost for service. Although the tribe may not be taxed, they are open to a discussion regarding fees. It was also noted that the tribe has been very consistent and quite generous with impact mitigation grants from the casinos.

In summary, the ballot measures in the planning stages for each district are:

NKF&R	PFD
2018 M&O Levy	Fire Lid Lift
2019 EMS Levy Renewal	EMS Levy Renewal
2020 ???	??? (potential of another capital bond)

There was discussion surrounding the impact of any tax increase on our respective constituents.

The boards had a short preliminary discussion on the subject of potentially co-staffing a station, perhaps around Gunderson.

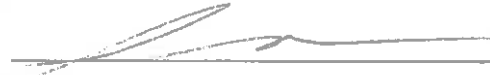

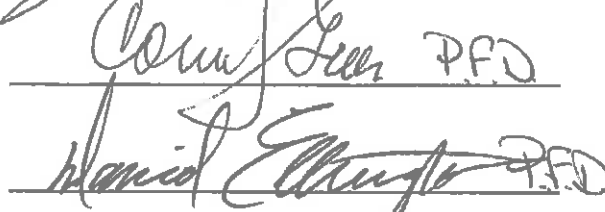
Ms. Laboda provided the boards with a plan to publish two editions of the districts' combined newsletters. With the boards' concurrence, the first edition will be a tax "primer" with basic explanations of how much of our revenue is generated through property taxes, the relationship between assessed values and tax rates, and how the recession impacted tax revenue and the limitations on recovery. The second edition, to be published late October, would focus on each districts' ballot measures. The boards agreed with this plan.

#### Adjournment:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by common consent at **8:25 p.m.**

NKFR

PFD

  
  
Cory Lee PFD  
 PFD  
Gillian Gregory NKFR

