

# SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 21

Board of Fire Commissioners Special Meeting  
Monday, August 14th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.  
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**Call to Order:** Chairman Taft called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

**Attendees:** Chairman Taft, Commissioner Safford, Commissioner Nordstrom, Finance Director Perez, Administrative Assistant Linklater, 6 crew, and one citizen.

**Flag Salute:** Led by Commissioner Safford

## **Agenda:**

**Levy Planning** - Strategies and ideas discussed regarding what to do differently for the next Levy campaign.

### ❖ **The following suggestions were shared:**

- Clear roles assigned to District 21 Staff and Fire Commissioners
- Signs that say "I support OUR Fire Department!", "I support Fire District 21!", or "I voted yes to Prop 1", signs need to be placed in people's yards.
- Put together a Community Task Force.
- Clear messaging the community can understand about staffing needs.
- Have the community help us get the message out.
- Focus on the citizens who did not go out to vote.
- Host more community events to educate and share information with the community.
- During events have demonstrations going on to share with community.
- Ask an experienced person who can help with campaigning.
- Communicate facts to the public. ie: apparatus out of service.
- Make videos – "The Heart of the Community".
- Host Community Forums
- Community can sign up for updates through text messaging.
- Get video testimonies from the community who we have cared for. Post on Facebook and website.
- Use reader board to get messaging out.
- Have someone available who can register people to vote.
- Place signs soon to show community support.
- Commissioner Safford to contact media to call for Volunteers to get information out.

Chief Schmidt and the Commissioners agreed we need to put these ideas to action right away. Chief requested another meeting to be scheduled to put an action plan in place. It is very important to get the message out to the community that the Levy failed for 3<sup>rd</sup> time. What does this mean to the community? This information needs to be shared in a clear message.

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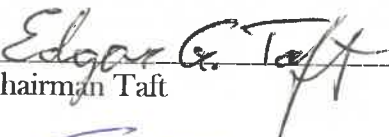
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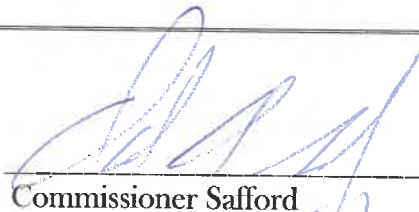
Executive Session – To Discuss ALS Negotiations per RCW 42.30.110(d) –

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:24 p.m. to discuss ALS Negotiations per RCW 42.30.110(d). It was expected to last for 15 minutes, at 7:39 p.m. the Board extended Executive Session 12 minutes longer. At 7:51 p.m. The Board emerged from the Executive Session with no decisions made and returned to the Regular Session.

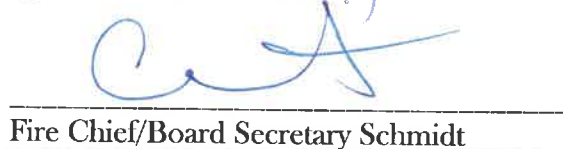
**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

**Minutes Approved By:**

  
Chairman Taft

  
Commissioner Safford

  
Commissioner Nordstrom

  
Fire Chief/Board Secretary Schmidt