

**WENATCHEE VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT,
CHELAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 1 & DOUGLAS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 2
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 19, 2023**

Commissioners: Commissioner Castellente, Commissioner de Mestre, Commissioner Dormaier, Commissioner Fennell, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Zimmerman

Staff: Fire Chief Brian Brett, Battalion Chief Pete Rigelman, and Cindy Blaufuss

- I. Called to Order: 11:00 am.
- II. Public Comments: None.
- III. Firefighter / Facilities Technician: Chief Brett explained the department needs to hire a Facilities Technician, and he is proposing a transitional Firefighter/Facilities Technician position to fill the role. Fire suppression training and certifications would be maintained to allow for emergency fire response.

Chief Brett is requesting authorization to negotiate a Firefighter/Facilities Technician position within the bargaining unit, and then bring the proposal to the Fire Commissioners for approval.

The board adjourned to an Executive Session at 11:30 to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment, per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g). The Session was scheduled for 15 minutes. At 11:45 the Executive Session was extended an additional 15 minutes. The public meeting reconvened at 12:00.

Commissioner de Mestre made a motion to authorize the Fire Chief to negotiate a Firefighter/Facilities position with the Local. There was a second from Commissioner Castellente. The motion was approved.

- IV. Adjourn – 12:02.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Blaufuss