



## Clark County Fire & Rescue Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting Minutes

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**April 27, 2017**

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Kolke at 4:00 p.m.

Flag salute.

Present: Commissioners Jerry Kolke, Larry Bartel, Bob Johnson, Dave Town, Ken Ayers. Chief John Nohr. DVC Dan Yager. Excused: Commissioners Jon Babcock (training) and Stan Chunn (ill). Commissioner Dave Lester absent. DVC Tim Dawdy working at the ilani Resort and DVC Mike Jackson is attending the FDIC conference in Indianapolis. Recording Secretary Kathy Streissguth.

### **CALL FOR LATE AGENDA ADDITIONS**

None.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Commissioner Bartel to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second Commissioner Town. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

#### **Clark County Risk Management Group**

No meeting. No report.

#### **EMS Council**

No meeting. No report.

#### **Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board**

No meeting. No report.

#### **Finance Committee**

No meeting. No report.

#### **RFA Committee**

No meeting. No report.

#### **Commissioner Updates**

Several Board members attended the ilani Resort VIP event on Saturday, April 22. Commissioner Bartel reported the Resort was overwhelmed on

opening day; all were aware of the impacts to the freeway. Things have calmed down quite a bit, but they are still busy.

**FOR/AGAINST STATEMENT APPOINTMENTS – AUGUST 1 PRIMARY**

Chief Nohr advised only one group has come forward with interest in writing the FOR statement to be placed in the August 1 voter’s pamphlet. Motion by Commissioner Town to appoint the *When Seconds Matter Committee* to draft the pro statement. Second Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed. No interest submitted for the against statement.

**Q1-17 STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE**

Chief Nohr summarized the first quarter progress with the strategic plan. DVC Yager summarized the accomplishments assigned to Admin Services. Investigating options to relocate Ridgefield Station 24. Will need to acquire land before availability disappears. Discussed possible extension of the City of Ridgefield boundaries. Possible sites are in the urban growth boundary. Promotion testing and procedures. Chief Nohr summarized Chief Dawdy’s Prevention Division updates. His prevention management efforts with the Cowlitz Resort project have been very helpful. Commissioner Bartel added another important aspect of the Cowlitz relationship is correct pronunciation of ilani, which is Ā-lawn-Ā. Chief Nohr summarized DVC Jackson’s update.

**RESOLUTION NO. 170427-1 SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

Identified property that is no longer needed by the District. The backup BC rig has some mechanical issues. Motion by Commissioner Bartel to adopt Resolution No. 170427-1, a resolution placing the 2006 Ford Expedition (Shop 7) into surplus for disposal in the most effective and responsible manner possible. Second Commissioner Johnson. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**POLICY UPDATES**

Motion by Commissioner Bartel to adopt Grooming Policy No. 524.11.08 as presented. Second Commissioner Town. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Town to adopt Tobacco Policy No. 524.11.02 as presented. Second Commissioner Bartel. Chief Nohr advised that employees will be notified that the presumptive exemption for cancer may be waived by our insurance provider for tobacco users. Discussion. Commissioner Bartel advised that he still has issues with the changes to the policy and feels it’s right to not support smoking. Commissioner Kolke stated he has mixed feelings. Agrees smoking is not good, but interfering in personal lives where it’s unenforceable isn’t good either. No further discussion. Call for the vote. Aye: Commissioners Babcock, Ayers, Chunn, Town. Opposed: Commissioner Bartel. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Bartel reminded everyone he will be absent for the May 11 meeting.

**LATE ADDITIONS**

Chief Nohr reported that Firefighter recruit Matt Cushwa completed his state fire academy training. Graduation was held on April 21. Several personnel and Board members attended the ceremony. Chief Nohr attended Ridgefield High School's career day. The students asked a number of good questions. Also attended last night's La Center Council meeting. They have concern over reduced income for the card rooms. They have preliminary drawings for the La Center junction area; a planned community with mixed use: residential, offices and business. A plan to build out the junction on the east side of the freeway. Glad to see growth happening in La Center. Monday, May 1 is the groundbreaking ceremony for the Ridgefield School District sports complex. Several department members will be attending. Chief Nohr reported how effective DVC Dawdy's efforts have been in getting the ilani Resort up and running safely. Concern was expressed earlier this week from other fire agencies that they weren't covered under the mutual aid agreement should they need to respond to the Resort. Legal has been consulted and all are covered for fire and EMS response. Have spoken with the Cowlitz representatives and will be making some minor wording changes to appease the mutual aid partners. DVC Dawdy has advised he will be retiring on June 30 of this year. Wishing him the best of luck, he has had a long and successful career. With the amount of work needed for the PIO position and his contacts and relationships, we don't want to lose that connection. Will hire Tim back for one year as a contract PIO to ensure continuity. While we assess staffing structure, his position will remain vacant.

Firefighter swearing in ceremony for several members unable to make the April 13 event will occur immediately following the meeting.


**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

No further discussion. Meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

  
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Attest, John Nohr  
Fire Chief/District Secretary