



Clark County Fire & Rescue Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting Minutes 911 N 65th Avenue, Ridgefield

September 10, 2020

Via Video Conference:

Commissioners Stan Chunn, Bob Johnson, Ken Ayers, Larry Bartel, David Town.
Chief John Nohr. Division Chiefs Yager, Jackson and Peeler.
Recording Secretary Kathy Streissguth.

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

Following discussion, flag salute will be suspended for virtual meetings.

CALL FOR LATE AGENDA ADDITIONS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Johnson to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second Commissioner Town. Discussion.

Call for the vote.

Aye: Johnson, Ayers, Town, Chunn, Bartel

Nay: None.

Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

\$200 donation received from Ms. Patricia Rose of Woodland to be allocated to the donation fund.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Clark County Risk Management Group

No meeting. No report.

Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board

Commissioner Johnson summarized the September 9 meeting. Noted that the facility debt is now paid in full. Still a need to for a joint Board meeting with FD6, waiting for resumption of in person meetings. Proposed FFFB 2021 budget was presented for review. Neither agency is currently staffing the station for emergency response. The two Chiefs will assess and determine the need for radio, internet and biowaste disposal services. The breathing air compressor at the facility is no longer compatible with the new SCBA equipment. Checking to see if there is use by other agencies, but likely will be placed into surplus. Chief Nohr advised Streissguth researched the minutes and the compressor was the property of Clark 12 and moved to the station when they got a new unit. As such it is a CCFR asset should the decision be made to surplus. Chief Maurer has been advised.

Motion by Commissioner Town to approve the proposed 2021 FFFB budget.
Second Commissioner Bartel. No further discussion.
Call for the vote.
Aye: Bartel, Ayers, Chunn, Johnson, Town
Nay: None.
Motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee

No meeting. No report.

Commissioner Updates

None.

STAFF REPORTS

Admin Services

DVC Yager recapped the August Admin Services report.

Community Risk Reduction

DVC Jackson expressed appreciation for the efforts of the team (Josh, John, Airen and Maureen) for carrying the load while he was out unexpectedly for a death in the family. Detailed the August CRR report.

Operations

DVC Peeler summarized the August Operations report. Reported on the status of current wildfire activities locally and regionally. There have been huge requests for resources. CA asked for 1,100 engines. Oregon asked for anything anyone can send. Washington is retaining resources in-state with assisting Oregon being be the next priority. Discussed the Big Hollow fire in Skamania County. Commissioner Bartel asked how many brush rigs we keep in district. Chief Nohr/DVC Peeler advised that we keep a minimum of three units in district, as of today all five are currently in quarters. Reported on personnel mobilization assignments. Chief Nohr advised that none of our fire response vehicles will leave the region until things have settled down. Planning to keep our equipment close to home at this time.

District Secretary/Chief

Chief Nohr covered the August Chief's report. Still looking to locate the Good Samaritan that saved the mini horses trapped in the August 31 barn fire. Firefighter Paramedic Josh Haldeman was selected to fill the Community Paramedic position. DVC Yager is starting the hiring process to fill the vacancy created on the line. Vancouver Fire has hired a replacement for retiring Fire Chief Joe Molina. He retired to the Camas area less than a year from CalFire in California. Contacted architect Karl Johansson regarding cost estimates for the new station should we not move forward with the project for a couple years. He advised the estimate previously provided should hold. Shared that the Cowlitz Tribe donated \$10,000 to the fire cadet program. Some of the funds were used provide refunds to those families who paid for the cancelled Cadet Washington DC trip. Some of the expenses were non-refundable. The budget process is going well; we look good for next year. A finance committee meeting will be held on September 24 to review the first draft of the proposed budget.

Discussed the proposed name change to Clark Cowlitz Fire Rescue. Chief Nohr contacted neighboring districts and the Cowlitz Chief's Association to see if there were any issues with the name. All were supportive. Commissioner Town asked about the process to complete a name change. Per Chief Nohr, the name will change to Clark Cowlitz Fire Protection District No. 15 on January 1, 2022. Motion language will be provided for the September 24 meeting. Commissioner Chunn suggested a timeline for implementing the name change. Changes to apparatus and uniforms will be phased in.

LATE EDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

For those needing it, mandatory workplace harassment training will be provided immediately following the meeting. No further discussion. Meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Attest, John Nohr
Fire Chief/District Secretary