



**Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue
Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting Minutes
911 N 65th Avenue, Ridgefield**

April 8, 2021

Via Video Conference:

Commissioners Bob Johnson, Ken Ayers, Larry Bartel, David Town.
DVC Mike Jackson and Dan Yager.
Recording Secretary Kathy Streissguth.

Present: Chief John Nohr.

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Johnson at 4:02 p.m.

CALL FOR LATE AGENDA ADDITIONS

Chief Nohr requested discussion on an update to the MOU with IAFF Local 3674.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Swearing in ceremony for the following employees:

Lateral Recruits:

Firefighter Paramedic Alex Cranke
Firefighter EMT Michael Groat
Firefighter EMT Brian Shelton

PT Fire Inspector John Zanzi

Promotion:

Captain Kenny Bjur

The ceremony was conducted in compliance with current COVID safety protocols. There will be another swearing in ceremony for an additional three new hires who will start employment on April 26.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Town to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second by Commissioner Bartel. Discussion. Commissioner Bartel asked for more detail on the critter abatement charge. Chief Nohr and DVC Yager reported there were significant issues with several river otters living in the boathouse. Needed to hire a professional trapper to remove them. No further discussion.

Call for the vote.

Aye: Ayers, Town, Bartel, Johnson.

Nay: None.

Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Captain Chenoweth and Firefighter Bustamante received a letter commendation from the Ridgefield Police for their actions during a call on February 14.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Clark County Fire Risk Management Group – Bartel

Commissioner Bartel reported on the April 7 meeting. Legislation passed that mandates long term health care coverage starting in 2022. The cost is \$0.58/\$100 of wages. There is an option to opt out. The State must receive the opt out notification prior to July 24. The group is investigating options. More information to come.

Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board – Johnson

No meeting. No report.

Finance Committee – Town

No meeting. No report.

WFCA Region VIII Update – Bartel

Commissioner Bartel provided updates on the status of legislation followed by the WFCA.

Commissioner Updates

None.

STAFF REPORTS

Admin Services

DVC Yager summarized the March Administrative Services report. The preliminary BC promotion eligibility list is posted. Commissioner Bartel asked about the process to fill open BC positions. Chief Nohr advised generally he will work down the list in order barring any unforeseen circumstances that may have occurred since the list was posted. DVC Yager shared he will be retiring the end of the year. He is grateful for all the years with the District. The Board expressed their appreciation for his years of service.

Operations

DVC Peeler on vacation. Chief Nohr reviewed the March Operations report. Noted that the month was slower than February.

Community Risk Reduction/CARES

DVC Jackson detailed the Community Risk Reduction and CARES program activities for the month of March.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Nohr summarized the March Chief's report. Congratulated the successful BC candidates: Captains Abe Rommel, Jason Leavitt, David Greenwood, Eamonn Ryan and Ben Meacham. Advised he will be out of town next week. DVC Yager will be Acting Chief during this time.

LATE EDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Chief Nohr provided an update regarding the Salary Saving MOU discussed at the March 25 meeting. Local 3674 met earlier this week to vote on the proposal. They have asked to remove the language regarding forfeiture of future program participation and the ability to cash out the third week of vacation leave should they withdraw a retirement decision this year as this is a one time offer. Chief Nohr agreed the timeframe for a decision is short and this one-time offer will not roll over into the new contract as written. He

recommended accepting the change. Motion by Commissioner Town to accept the proposed change to the MOU. Second Commissioner Bartel. No further discussion. Call for the vote.

Aye: Town, Ayers, Johnson, Bartel.

Nay: None.

Motion passed unanimously.


CITIZEN COMMENTS

Commissioner Chunn excused.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

No further discussion. Virtual meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.



Attest, John Nohr
Fire Chief/District Secretary



CLARK-COWLITZ FIRE RESCUE CONSENT AGENDA April 8, 2021

1. Minutes
 - March 25
2. Pre-paid Invoices
 - \$ 275,208.12 (CCFR March Payroll Benefits & DRS)
 - i. Check Nos. 6882 – 6895
3. Current Invoices
 - \$ 50,824.08 (CCFR General Fund 6228)
 - i. Check Nos. 20866 – 20908
 - ii. EFT Debit 609
 - iii. ACH 610
 - \$ 1,250.00 (Capital Fund 6224)
 - i. Check No. 20865
4. Payroll
 - March 1-31 paid March 31
 - i. \$ Gross
 - ii. \$ 382,585.24 ACH net
 - iii. \$ 10,925.62 Payroll Warrant net
 - Check No. 6881
 - iv. \$ 0.00 Payroll VOIDED
 - v. \$ 79,327.99 941 Tax Deposit paid March 31
5. March Use Tax
 - \$ 468.36 (CCFR) to be paid April 26
6. Voided/Destroyed Claims Warrants
 - \$ 393.02 Check No. 20726 Replaced with Check No. 20869

Commissioner Stanley Chunn – Chair

Commissioner James R Johnson – Vice Chair

Commissioner Larry Bartel

Commissioner Ken Ayers

Commissioner David Town