



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

July 22, 2021

Present: Commissioners Stan Chunn, Larry Bartel, David Town, Bob Johnson. Chief John Nohr.

Also Present: DVCs Ben Peeler and Dan Yager, Recording Secretary Kathy Streissguth

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

Flag salute.

CALL FOR LATE AGENDA ADDITIONS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Johnson to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second by Commissioner Town. Commissioner Bartel asked for corrections to the workshop minutes. Motion withdrawn. Discussion. Noted that FD6 Chief Maurer's statement in the workshop that CCFR failed to pass an EMS was an accurate reporting of her report, but not entirely correct as we have not yet asked the taxpayers to vote on this issue. It is accurate that we do not have an EMS levy, not that we have failed to pass an EMS levy. Commissioner Bartel also believed he made a comment in the workshop that an EMS is levy is in the CCFR strategic plan, but his comment was not captured for the record. Motion by Commissioner Johnson to approve the consent agenda with the clarification to the workshop minutes as discussed. Second by Commissioner Town. No further discussion. Call for the vote. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Thank you from Clark FD10 Chief Arola for assistance at a large fire incident on July 12.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Clark County Fire Risk Management Group – Bartel

None.

Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board – Johnson

Commissioner Johnson summarized the meeting held on July 14. The security fence project at the Public Safety Complex is moving forward.

Finance Committee – Town

No meeting. No report.

WFCA Region VIII Update – Bartel

WFCA Board meeting report by Commissioner Bartel.

Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Ayers excused. Commissioner Bartel advised the SW Fire Commissioners are hosting a dinner meeting at St21 on September 16 at 7 p.m. to discuss the status of the group and determine what to do with the account balance.

CHIEF'S REPORT

State fire academy graduation is Thursday, July 29 at 2 p.m. Four CCFR guests may attend. Advised staff are still looking into long term care insurance program rates to provide the employees with an option for the mandatory state employee deduction. DVC Yager and Christi Linn are communicating with potential vendors. Our insurance vendor is also putting together a package. The deadline for individual opt out is November 1. Will continue to research options for the employees. Chief Nohr met with UW personnel regarding placement of a seismic sensor at St22. The project has been authorized and the installation is expected to occur sometime next year. Will be sending two personnel to assist at a VA coordinated vax clinic at the ilani Resort this weekend. Commended FF Haldeman for successfully submitting an AADSWA grant for a 3-year safety inspection program. The funding will cover a 0.75 FTE. Discussed the impacts of the new legislation on law enforcement contacts and how this will impact CCFR responses. The County chiefs are working to develop guidelines on how to move forward. Advised that DVC Jackson's vehicle is now in service and his vehicle stipend will resume in August.

Chief Nohr asked the board to consider discussion and EMS or Capital levy. Advised that ambulance response times are noticeably longer. Discussion. Will hold an informational levy workshop during the regular board meeting on August 12. Not anticipating a proposition to place before the voters until the 2022 August Primary or November General election.

JOINT FD6/CCFR WORKSHOP – JULY 13

Discussed the information presented at the July 13 workshop. Chief Nohr presented a more detailed contribution history to FFFB operations since 2006. Advised these figures do not include the CCFR payment to FD6 for volunteer response. DVC Peeler has requested the raw data files from CRESA to verify the information presented by FD6. Discussed possible response rate costs. State Chiefs rate for engine response is approximately \$200/hr. Commissioner Bartel recommended finding a solution that best works for both agencies. A flat incident rate may be an option. Chief Nohr suggested actual cost reimbursement. Commissioners Town and Bartel expressed concern over the future of mutual aid if we start charging one another. Chief Nohr stated CCFR needs to make a good effort to cover the area, but there will always be some imbalance. Provided a corrected station coverage area map as the FD6 map presented at the workshop was inaccurate as it used the old St24 location and not the new site to demonstrate future CCFR coverage. Chief Nohr would like to discuss the possibility of staffing St151 until new St24 is built and operating. Acknowledged that current FD6 generally arrives in the area faster and always with an EMTP. CCFR may have a slower arrival time and does not always have ALS available. Commissioner Bartel asked how often we would be able to staff St151 under the current model. Chief Nohr advised about 2x per week due to minimum staffing issues related to sick and vacation leave, but he needs to dig deeper into the numbers. Workshop to discuss the response issue in the SW area of the district and St151 staffing options scheduled during the regular board meeting on September 9.

Commissioner Bartel asked the board to commit to St151. So moved by Commissioner Town. Second Commissioner Johnson. Discussion. Commissioner Bartel advised that FD6 Commissioners Lothspeich and Collins personally commented that they support staying involved at St151. Commissioner Chunn pointed out that their strategic and budgeting

plans do not support that position. No further discussion. Call for the vote. Motion passed unanimously.

LATE EDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

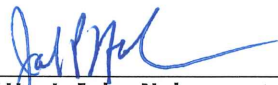
Citizen comment that neighbors in the area believe that St151 is staffed and recommends letting people know that is not when asking for funding. Commissioner Bartel stated that it has always been in the CCFR strategic plan to staff St151 as soon as financially possible. He also shared that FD6 is in the process of hiring a fulltime mechanic.

Chief Nohr advised the FF testing process is complete. The list consists of 4 lateral and 8 entry level candidates. Will be reviewing the budget to determine the number of new positions to be filled, if any.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Five minute recess at 5:10 p.m. Moved to executive session at 5:15 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining negotiation strategies. Expected length of session 20 minutes. No action anticipated. Meeting resumed at 5:36 p.m.

No further discussion. Meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.



Attest, John Nohr
Fire Chief/District Secretary





CLARK-COWLITZ FIRE RESCUE
CONSENT AGENDA
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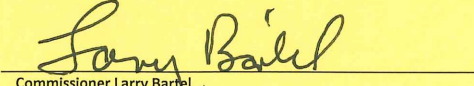
1. Minutes
 - July 8
2. Pre-paid Invoices
 - \$ 93,796.80 (CCFR Q2-21 Payroll Taxes)
 - i. Check Nos. 6951 – 6954 dated June 30
3. Current Invoices
 - \$ 7,369.31 (CCFR General Fund 6228)
 - i. Check Nos. 21087 - 21095
 - ii. EFT 1301
 - \$ 11,074.00 (CCFR Capital Fund 6224)
 - i. EFT 1303
 - \$ 498.41 (FFFB Fund 6254)
 - i. Check No. 21096
4. Approved Commissioner Stipends to be paid July 30


For the Period Jun3 16 thru July 15						
Name	Regular Meeting	Committee Meeting	Assn Meeting	Educ	Other	Total
Ayers	2					2
Bartel	2		1			3
Chunn	2					2
Johnson	2	1				3
Town	2					2


5. Voided/Destroyed Claims Warrants
 - None


 Commissioner Stanley Chunn – Chair


 Commissioner James R. Johnson – Vice Chair


 Commissioner Larry Bartel


 Commissioner Ken Ayers


 Commissioner David Town



Meeting Date

7/22/21

Stated purpose of this executive session:

- To consider matters affecting national security.
- To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate.
- To consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease.
- To review negotiations on the performance of publicly bid contracts.
- To receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee.
- To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment.
- To review the performance of a public employee.
- To evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office.
- To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency (present or via telephone conference) matters relating to agency enforcement actions.
- To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency (present or via telephone conference) litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party.
- To discuss collective bargaining negotiation strategies.

Meeting recessed at 1715 Hrs

Anticipated length of session 20 Mins

Announcement of extended session N/A Hrs

Anticipated extended length of session N/A Mins

Meeting resumed at 1736 Hrs

Action anticipated YES NO

Reference RCW Chapter 42.30