



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

October 14, 2021

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

Also Present: DVCs Mike Jackson and Dan Yager,

Via Video Conference:
Recording Secretary Kathy Streissguth

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

Flag salute.

CALL FOR LATE AGENDA ADDITIONS

Commissioner Bartel asked for discussion on the Governor's vaccination mandate.
November meeting dates.

PROMOTIONAL OATHS OF OFFICE

Recessed at 4:01 p.m. for Chief Nohr to administer the oaths of office for Dan Ferber, promoted to Captain on October 1 and Abe Rommel, promoted to Battalion Chief, also on October 1. Ceremony was conducted in the truck bay to allow for safe social distancing.

Meeting resumed at 4:14 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Notification from TIP Northwest event cancellation.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Clark County Fire Risk Management Group – Bartel

Commissioner Bartel summarized the October 6 meeting. Overall premium rate increase of 4% over last year.

Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board – Johnson

No meeting. No report.

Finance Committee – Town

No meeting. No report.

WFOA Region VIII – Bartel

Commissioner Bartel provided an update.

Board for Volunteer Fire Fighters Local Committee

No meeting. No report.

Commissioner Updates

None.

STAFF REPORTS

Admin Services

DVC Yager summarized the September Administrative Services report. Advised this is his last report. He will be on vacation the remainder of the year until his official retirement date of December 31.

Operations

DVC Peeler recapped the September Operations and Training reports. Newly promoted BC Rommel is filling the line BC seat vacated by Dean Lange (retired) starting in October. He will fill the role through the end of the year and then move to Logistics BC position. BC Berg will move to the line BC position on January 1 and Jason Leavitt will promote to BC to fill the Training Officer position.

Community Risk Reduction/CARES

DVC Jackson detailed the Community Risk Reduction and CARES program activities for the month of September. Noted that the CARES program has resulted in an 80% reduction in 911 calls by those referred to the program. New construction appears to remain strong.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Nohr summarized the September Chief's report. There was a freeway memorial drive on October 9 for the TLC employee killed on I-5 last month. CCFR participated in the event with the ladder truck at the Ilani Resort. The second brush rig was delivered last week. Starting to work through the process with vendors to get the unit in-service. Will be purchasing a Lucas device to allow responders to minimize close contact during CPR chest compressions. May be reimbursable with Covid disaster funding. Chief Nohr will be on vacation over the weekend. DVC Yager will be acting chief.

Commissioner Bartel advised that the Tulalip Resort is requiring masks for the upcoming conference, but the WFOA will not be enforcing the policy.

Chief Nohr presented AMR response data in the district for priority 1 and 2 incidents since 2017. Through the third quarter of 2021 the number of AMR responses over 16, 18 and 20 minutes has surpassed the number in prior years. He believes there is room for CCFR to treat and transport the high priority calls.

STATION 151 OPERATIONS RECAP

Chief Nohr revisited the discussion on how we may be able to better serve the SW area of the district. DVC Peeler had requested information from CRESA on FD6 responses in the last quarter, but the data was skewed by other agency responses. Pulled some August data from the First Watch database. CCFR is handling 97% of its own calls. Discussed number and location of mutual aid incidents provided to and from other agencies. Planning to have better data available next month. Chief Nohr acknowledged we need assistance in the SW area, but there are opportunities for us to assist FD6 in the non-hydranted areas of their district with our water tenders. The CARES program/unit is another resource we may be able to provide. Chief Nohr proposed offering resources they

don't have for resources we don't have and also work towards staffing Station 151. We will need to request the ability to utilize the station. Discussion. Commissioner Bartel moved that the Board direct Chief Nohr to move forward with proposing a reciprocal resource program as opposed to exchanging payments. Second Commissioner Ayers. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

LADDER TRUCK PURCHASE OPPORTUNITY

Chief Nohr reminded everyone that a new ladder truck is in the preliminary budget for 2022. The 2002 tower and the reserve engine are worn out and maintenance costs have skyrocketed. He advised that a used truck has become available through Pierce Manufacturing. The unit has been used by a local college for training and has never been in service. The price is just under \$1.2 million including tax. Captain Galster has reviewed the specs and the vehicle is very similar to our current unit. Requested the ability to secure funding and move forward with the purchase once it's confirmed the vehicle meets our needs. Motion by Commissioner Bartel to secure funding and move forward with the purchase if it meets our needs. Second Commissioner Town. Discussion. The apparatus is being held for CCFR pending approval of the Board, funding and purchasing processes. This purchase would save a great deal of money and gain us near immediate delivery and reduce maintenance costs on the existing apparatus. A new truck will have a significant lead time. Commissioner Bartel asked to ensure there is a warranty. DVC Yager believes the rig would come with a warranty. No further discussion. Call for the vote. Motion passed unanimously.

LATE EDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Discussion on vaccination mandates. Commissioner Bartel expressed his opinion that the Chief should not be forced to take the lead on a state mandated political mandate. The Chief should make recommendations, but he feels the mandate should be at the direction of the Board. WFCM doesn't have direction at this time. East and West sides are going in multiple directions. Shared the information he gathered on what other agencies are doing. Expressed concerns about L&I coverage and personnel having issues working beside non-vaccinated individuals. Can we accommodate the exemptions? No one has answers. Does the Board support the Chief's recommendations? Discussion. Chief Nohr advised the MOU with the Union is based on what several other agencies in the state and locally are following. Developed from information from the State Chiefs and the State Association of Firefighters. The 10 approved CCFR exemptions were vetted by legal counsel. Discussed how CCFR is accommodating the non-vaccinated employees. Commissioner Bartel would like to see all MOUs with the Union related to contractual items come before the Board. Motion by Commissioner Bartel to approve the vaccination mandate MOU as prepared. Second Commissioner Town. Discussion. Commissioner Chunn suggested that when the Board approved the Covid emergency declaration that gave the Chief some leeway for decision making. Discussed mandatory vaccination requirements for new hires. The accommodation threshold is higher for potential new hires and would be reviewed if requested. Commissioner Chunn advised he likes the Chief's MOU as prepared. No further discussion. Call for the vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Bartel that the Board adopt the Chief's recommendations on accommodating the approved exempted employees. Second Ayers. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Chunn advised the October 28 meeting will be cancelled. Also, the November meeting dates both fall on holidays. Recommended holding a meeting on Thursday, November 18 as there is still a great deal of required business to be conducted next month. Specifically the adoption of the 2022 budgets, request to levy taxes and possibly a bond resolution should we move forward with the truck purchase. Discussion.

The November 11 meeting is cancelled and moved to November 18. The November 25 meeting is cancelled.


CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

No further discussion. Meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.



Attest, John Nohr
Fire Chief/District Secretary

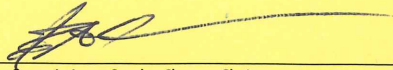


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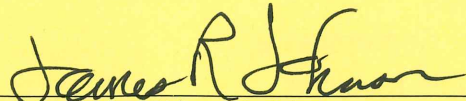
1. Minutes
 - September 23
2. Pre-paid Invoices
 - \$ 168.85 (CCFR General Fund 6228)
 - i. EFT No. 1901
 - \$ 1,955.50 (CCFR August Payroll DRS Balance Due)
 - i. Check No. 6995 dated September 1
 - \$ 326,091.97 (CCFR September Payroll Benefits & DRS)
 - i. Check Nos. 7001 – 7013 dated September 29
 - \$ 115,098.10 (CCFR Q3 Payroll Taxes)
 - i. Check Nos. 22012 – 22015 dated September 30
 - \$ 930.81 (CCFR Q3 941 Tax Balance)
 - i. Check No. 22016 dated September 30
3. Current Invoices
 - \$ 268,178.45 (CCFR General Fund 6228)
 - i. Check Nos. 100001 – 100058
 - ii. ACH No. 1906
 - \$ 18,608.66 (FFFB Fund 6254)
 - i. Check Nos. 100059 – 100063
4. Payroll
 - September 1 – 30 paid September 30
 - i. \$ 855,595.94 Gross
 - ii. \$ 543,463.69 ACH net
 - iii. \$ 22,206.83 Payroll Warrant net
 - Check Nos. 6992 – 6994
 - iv. \$ 0.00 Payroll VOIDED
 - v. \$ 136,796.97 941 Tax Deposit paid September 30
 - September OT Correction paid October 6
 - i. \$ 1,310.40 Gross
 - ii. \$ 1,151.11 Payroll Warrant net
 - Check No. 22011
5. September Use Tax
 - \$ 1,215.36 (CCFR) due October 25
6. Voided/Destroyed Claims Warrants
 - 6391 – replaced with
 - 6996 – 6999 7014 – 8000 (BOA Payroll Check Stock)
 - 21249 – 22000 (BOA Claims Check Stock)



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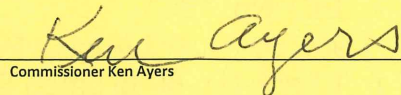
Commissioner Stanley Chunn – Chair



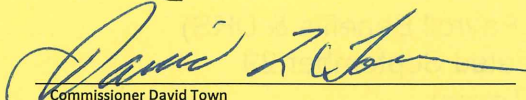
Commissioner James R. Johnson – Vice Chair



Commissioner Larry Bartel



Commissioner Ken Ayers



Commissioner David Town