

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

January 27, 2022

Present:

Commissioners Stan Chunn, Bob Johnson, Ken Ayers, Larry Bartel, David Town. Chief John Nohr. DVC Mike Jackson and Ben Peeler.

Remote:

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 EMS Levy. Chief Nohr will provide an update on the Strategic Plan. Local 3674 BC Unit Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA).

CONSENT AGENDA

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

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Clark County Fire Risk Management Group

No meeting. No report.

Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board

No meeting. No report.

Finance Committee

No meeting. No report.

WFCA Region VIII

Commissioner Bartel provided updates from the WFCA on the 2021 budget, changes to the WFCA health plan, impacts of Covid and legislative issues for 2022.

Local BVFF

Commissioner Chunn advised Steve Streissguth's pension application was approved by the local board. A volunteer exam reimbursement request was also submitted.

Commissioner Updates

None.

CHIEF'S REPORT

The Rosenbauer engine purchased by the Cowlitz Tribe through a FEMA grant is due to arrive this later today. Will start preparing the rig for service. A ceremony will be held by the Cowlitz Tribe. CCFR personnel participated in the service for Clark 6 FFPM Joe Killian's memorial service. Covid update – Omicron is more transmissible, but less virulent. Continuing to monitor; to date no one at CCFR has been gravely ill. Member request for the department to participate in Woodland Planter's Day should the event be held this year. The County Chiefs are working together to meet with the County Administrator and Council to move forward with implementing fire impact fees in the unincorporated areas in the County. Also continuing to pursue impact fees in the cities of Ridgefield and La Center. Woodland already has impact fees in place.

LATE EDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - EMS LEVY

Commissioner Bartel opened discussion on the proposed EMS levy. Suggested waiting until after the school levy election to discuss a rate. Asked for a detailed plan on how the funds would be used at both \$0.45 and \$0.50 levy rates. Need to start an information campaign on what exactly an EMS levy would provide for the taxpayers. Will discuss further and determine what levy rate will be proposed in February. A resolution to place a levy on the ballot will be prepared by legal counsel and the Chief for the first meeting in March as directed at the last meeting.

LATE EDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Chief Nohr provided a progress update on the 2020-22 Strategic Plan. Covered items completed and/or ongoing and projects limited, delayed or prohibited due to Covid. Advised the Standard of Cover will need to be updated. Working to finalize a capital improvement plan. Commissioner Bartel stated he would like to see more emphasis on employee education to encourage retention of personnel. Chief Nohr plans to schedule a process to develop a new strategic plan later in the year.

LATE EDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - LOCAL 3674 BC UNIT CBA

Chief Nohr recapped the need to reopen the Battalion Chief CBA following the adoption of the new Firefighter unit contract, which included a change to the firefighter pay scale that triggered the reopening of the BC contract. The Chief and BC unit representative have tentatively approved the proposed changes to the salary schedule. Motion by Commissioner Bartel to approve the proposed pay scale for the BC unit as presented. Second Commissioner Johnson. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

No further discussion. Meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Attest, John Nohr Fire Chief/District Secretary



CLARK-COWLITZ FIRE RESCUE CONSENT AGENDA January 27, 2022

- 1. Minutes
 - January 11 FD6 Joint Meeting
 - January 13 Board Meeting
- 2. Pre-paid Invoices
 - None
- 3. Current Invoices
 - \$ 31,918.67 (CCFR General Fund 6228)
 - i. Check Nos. 100260 100277
 - ii. ACH 75 & 94
 - \$ 982.10 (FFFB Fund 6254)
 - i. Check No. 100259
 - \$ 3,217.60 (CCFR Capital Fund 6224)
 - i. EFT 70
- 4. Approved Commissioner Stipends to be paid January 31

For the Period December 16, 2021 thru January 15, 2021						
Name	Regular Meeting	Committee Meeting	Assn Meeting	Educ	Other	Total
Ayers	2					2
Bartel	2	1				3
Chunn	2					2
Johnson	2	1			1	4
Town	2					2

- 5. Voided/Destroyed Claims Warrants
 - 100220 paid via ACH
 - 100252 paid via ACH

Commissioner Stanley Chunn - Chair

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Commissioner Ken Ayers

Commissioner David Town