



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

March 24, 2022

Present:

Commissioners Stan Chunn, Bob Johnson, Ken Ayers, Larry Bartel, David Town.
Chief John Nohr. DVC Mike Jackson. Recording Secretary Kathy Streissguth.
Logistics BC Abe Rommel.

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

Flag salute.

CALL FOR LATE AGENDA ADDITIONS

None.

Swearing in ceremony for new hires postponed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Bartel to approve the consent agenda. Second Commissioner Johnson. Commissioner Bartel asked about the PPE rental invoice and the security fencing payment. Chief Nohr explained that due to lengthy lead times and unavailability of proper sizes in existing stock, turnouts had to be rented for the new employees. Regarding the fencing payment, funding from CCSO was already in the account to cover the cost. Streissguth shared it was a partial payment with 5% retainage withheld as required due to the size of the product. There was an \$1,100 change order which has been billed to CCSO. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Notice regarding the ongoing public hearings on Clark County's 179th Street interchange expansion plan on April 19 at 6:00 p.m. Chief Nohr has been following the process.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

Short break to resolve an issue with video broadcasting.

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.

WFOA Region VIII

No meeting. No report.

Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Bartel advised he attended the Cowlitz Tribe new engine dedication. Asked why the safety committee information is not public. Advised that personnel issues are discussed, which have tighter public disclosure requirements. Commissioner Chunn commented that the increase in social media coverage is appreciated.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Nohr shared the tribal gifts received at the dedication to place on display at the station. A traditional cedar headband with abalone shells and an intricate beaded necklace, both crafted by tribal members and a plaque commemorating the event. We also received a white oak tree to plant at the station.

Summarized recent significant call activity. There have been several large fires. Working with the City of Ridgefield and the Port of Ridgefield regarding a second railroad crossing to the marina. Shared a communication from Captain David Greenwood regarding the WSRB water tender test successfully conducted. This will allow FD6 to receive a water tender credit under the recent MOU for tender service. Shared a memo from BC Ryan Berg to recognize Volunteer George Lingle for his assistance in staffing a water tender for an extended period of time during one of the recent fires.

Shared that Captain Blaine Dohman is assisting with our social media management. He has been issued a radio and phone. DVC Jackson is putting together a Public Information Officer (PIO) plan. One employee will be attending a PIO course put on by WSP. Another employee has a background in public information who will be assisting. The goal is to be more proactive in getting messages out to the public.

Commissioner Bartel advised he has a contact in the Ridgefield area who may be interested in helping out with creating videos for the district. Recommended he contact DVC Jackson. Would like to introduce more videos to our social media channels.

Commissioner Bartel advised that Henry Von Dem Fange's memorial service is Friday, March 25 at 11:00 a.m. It will be live streamed on his Facebook page.

Discussed safety issues related to solar panels on personal residences. Concern that the codes haven't caught up with the technology.

EMS LEVY – RESOLUTION NO. 220324-1

Motion by Commissioner Bartel to adopt Resolution No. 220324-1, a resolution authorizing the placement of an EMS levy proposition at the rate of \$0.50 per thousand of valuation on the August 2 primary ballot. Second Commissioner Town.

Discussion. Commissioners Bartel and Chunn stated the proposed plan addresses the identified needs of the district and that the \$0.50 levy rate will provide the taxpayers with the desired enhancements to staffing and emergency medical services. Discussion on simple verses super majority and voter validation requirements. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bartel proposed discussion on the contingency plan should the levy fail. Will we place another issue on the November ballot? If there is another attempt, would it be at \$0.50 or \$0.45? Chief Nohr will confirm the dates, but generally the submission deadline for the general election is the same day as the primary. Discussion. Will have more information for the next meeting.

POLICY ADOPTION

Language updated per discussion at the last meeting. Motion by Commissioner Ayers to adopt polices 901 DOSH Inspection, 902 DOSH Notification, 1013 Conduct and Behavior, and 1027 Personal Appearance as presented. Second Commissioner Town. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Chief Nohr advised the new ladder truck was delivered earlier in the day.

LATE EDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

No further discussion. Meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Attest, John Nohr
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1. Minutes
 - March 10 Board Meeting
2. Pre-paid Invoices
 - None
3. Current Invoices
 - \$ 77,854.03 (CCFR General Fund 6228)
 - i. Check Nos. 100383 – 100402
 - ii. ACH 508 & 510 – 511
 - iii. EFT 487 & 509
 - \$ 79,467.37 (FFFB Fund 6254)
 - i. Check Nos. 100381 – 100382
 - \$ 200.00 (CCFR Capital Fund 6224)
 - i. ACH 484
4. Approved Commissioner Stipends to be paid March 31

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

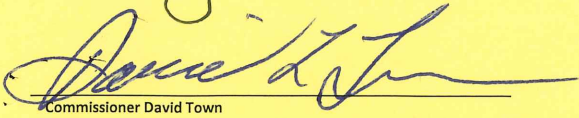
5. Voided/Destroyed Claims Warrants
 - None


Commissioner Stanley Chunn – Chair


Commissioner James R Johnson – Vice Chair


Commissioner Larry Bartel


Commissioner Ken Ayers


Commissioner David Town