



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

April 14, 2022

Present:

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

Remote: 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 Commissioner Bartel. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clark County Fire Risk Management Group

Commissioner Bartel provided an update from the April 6 meeting. The policy has a \$500 deductible per vehicle incidents. In 2019 the members agreed to not submit claims under \$1,000. Our agent is looking into whether increasing the deductible to \$1,000 will generate a premium cost savings.

Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board

No meeting. No report.

Finance Committee

No meeting. No report.

Local BVFF

No meeting. No report.

WFOA Region VIII

No report.

Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Johnson approved for compensation for a briefing meeting with Chief Nohr on March 30 as he was unable to attend the March 29 FD6 joint meeting due to health issues.

STAFF REPORTS

Community Risk Reduction/CARES – Jackson

DVC Jackson detailed March activity for the CARES and CRR programs.

Operations/Training/Logistics – Peeler

BC Rommel Logistics provided status updates on the new vehicles. In the process of implementing new asset management software. Chief Nohr reported significant cost increases for new apparatus. The 2021 Pierce ordered two years ago was \$654,000, the two currently in production were \$688,000 each and a current quote for the same specifications is \$848,000. Prepaying some costs would bring it down to \$802,000. There is still a need for one more new engine. Chief Nohr summarized the March operations report as DVC Peeler was on vacation. Putting together a hiring plan should the EMS levy pass in August. Onboarded a new combat volunteer who had her first shift this week. Onboarding in process for a new support volunteer who is the fire chief at the Oregon National Guard base in Portland. Discussed the *Handle With Care* program, which provides notification to the school (if known) for children experiencing a traumatic event. No specific information is provided to ensure HIPAA compliance.

District Secretary/Chief

Chief Nohr briefly covered the Finance report and summarized the Chief's report. Still waiting on payment for two WSP 2021 mobilization reimbursement invoices. Update on tax rate change in Ridgefield. Recapped significant fires that crews have dealt with over the last several weeks. The fire engine provided by the Cowlitz Tribe under a FEMA grant was blessed by Cowlitz Spiritual Leader Tanna Engdahl on March 18 followed by a push-in ceremony at Station 23. Public offices are reopening. The Chiefs have resumed attendance at city council and community meetings.

Chief Nohr advised he has been working with FD6 Chief Maurer on ironing out the details of the St151 operations plan. He requested Commissioner Johnson call a special meeting of the FFFB on April 20 at 4:00 to formally present the plan.

Reminder that Covid is still out there and precautions remain in place. We are still required to offer the virtual option for public attendance under the emergency proclamation. Reviewed the public meeting recommendations memo provided by legal counsel who has recommended that even when the proclamation is rescinded, we continue the virtual option as a best practice. Public comment is required either orally at the meeting or via written testimony, but may be suspended during an emergency situation. Special meeting notice is 24 hours. Recordings need to be retained for 6 years. Most requirements or recommendations are already being followed by the District. Commissioner Chunn asked about notice requirements for meeting cancellations. Chief Nohr will research.

Commissioner Town asked what would be replaced if a new engine was purchased. Chief Nohr advised that the reserve fleet is weak and prone to break downs. The plan would be to move the next oldest rig – a 2009 Pierce engine – out of front line status into reserve. He is concerned that the front line is good, but the reserve apparatus are not reliable. This would allow for disposition of one of the less desirable apparatus. Staff will develop a proposal.

Commissioner Bartel advised that Bruce Carpenter is the chair of a Board consisting of directors of all the Ridgefield neighborhood associations. May be a good contact for information distribution or a presentation.

LATE EDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

No further discussion. Meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.



Attest, John Nohr
Fire Chief/District Secretary



**CLARK-COWLITZ FIRE RESCUE
CONSENT AGENDA
April 14, 2022**


1. Minutes
 - March 24
 - March 29 Joint Meeting – Clark FD 6
2. Pre-paid Invoices
 - \$ 302,471.55 (March Payroll Benefits)
 - i. Check Nos. 22098 – 22109 March 30
 - \$ 104,904.88 (Q1-22 Payroll Taxes)
 - i. Chk Nos. 22110 – 22113 dated March 31
3. Current Invoices
 - \$ 93,532.54 (CCFR General Fund 6228)
 - i. \$ 58,074.46 Check Nos. 100403 - 100447
 - ii. \$ 31,365.88 EFT 642 – 644
 - iii. \$ 4,092.20 ACH 689 – 690
 - \$ 24,827.98 (FFFB Fund 6254)
 - i. \$ 1,305.00 EFT 641
 - ii. \$ 23,522.98 Check No. 100448
4. Voided/Destroyed Claims Warrants
 - 100448
5. March Use Tax
 - \$ 2,498.78 (CCFR) due April 25
6. Payroll
 - March 1 – 31 paid March 31
 - i. \$ 651,046.99 Gross
 - ii. \$ 433,314.46 ACH net
 - iii. \$ 0.00 Payroll VOIDED
 - iv. \$ 80,421.17 941 Tax Deposit paid March 31



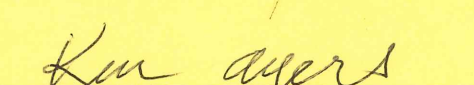
Commissioner Stanley Chunn – Chair



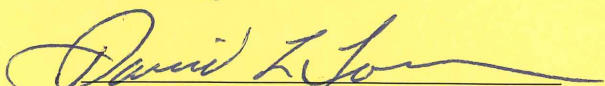
Commissioner James R Johnson – Vice Chair



Commissioner Larry Bartel



Commissioner Ken Ayers



Commissioner David Town