



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

May 26, 2022

Present:

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

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

Commissioner Johnson excused.

Flag salute.

CALL FOR LATE AGENDA ADDITIONS

Commissioner Chunn added *charging non-profits for inspections*.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Received a card from a young person who stopped by the station to say thank you to the firefighters. Received a communication from legal counsel clarifying OPMA changes, including the provision that commissioners may attend remotely and that on-line meeting access is available to the public if there is not an in-person meeting. Commissioner Chunn would like CCFR to have a policy on remote commissioner attendance, and a way to electronically sign documents if a commissioner attends a meeting remotely.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Clark County Fire Risk Management Group

No meeting. No report.

Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board

Chief Nohr explained that the May 17 FFFB meeting was scheduled, but Chief Maurer requested it be changed to a workshop as it hadn't been posted as an open public meeting. According to Chief Maurer, she checked with legal counsel who suggested it must be posted. The meeting date was changed to May 20 and the meeting posted as required. Chief Nohr summarized the May 20 FFFB meeting, including

minor changes to the staffing plan proposed by FD6. These changes have no impact on the plan, but will help clarify items for the FD6 bargaining unit. The plan was signed by FD6 Commissioner Lothspeich and Chief Maurer. Commissioner Chunn clarified the largest change was making it a one-year plan. Chief Nohr clarified that Chief Maurer stated the intent was not to end staffing after one year, but rather just to review the plan and make changes for subsequent years. Chief Nohr also reviewed other changes to the plan. FD6 clarified they want to pay 50% of the costs to place supplies and sundries in the station. Commissioner Bartel asked if we may use the unit at Station 151 as a move-up company when necessary; Chief Nohr stated that the unit may be used as a regular unit, including move-ups. Motion by Commissioner Bartel to accept the Station 151 Staffing Plan. Second Commissioner Town. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee

No meeting. No report.

Local BVFF Committee

No meeting. No report.

WFOA Region VIII

No report.

Commissioner Updates

None.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Nohr stated that Clark College will have a groundbreaking ceremony on June 2 at 2:00 p.m. for the new Boschma Farms campus. Chief Nohr, BC Graham, DFM Taylor, and Insp. Zanzi attended the grand re-opening of the Oak Tree Restaurant in Woodland. Kathy Streissguth and Chief Nohr attended a video meeting with the actuaries regarding the retirement benefit; they now have a better understanding of our medical benefit plan and will re-work the numbers to see if it makes a difference. The two new recruits will graduate from the Fire Academy on June 23. DVC Peeler will attend the cadet graduation on June 2 at 6:00 p.m. at Battle Ground High School. Chief Nohr and DVC Peeler attended the Washington Fire Chief's conference in Wenatchee; a seminar on EMS billing and recovery provided good information on billing for responses now that we have a CARES program.

Chief Nohr will be on vacation the week of May 30; DVC Jackson will be Acting Chief.

CCFR personnel recently returned from the Pierce factory in Appleton, WI after viewing the two pumpers under construction. These apparatus will be delivered in June. The new ladder truck is marked and will be in service in the next month; the personnel who went to Pierce found a very compatible fire engine that is under construction and available for purchase. BC Rommel is getting the details. If the price is right, Chief Nohr suggested we purchase the apparatus. We have the funds in our apparatus replacement account or may also consider a loan or combination of reserve funds and a loan.

Chief Nohr worked with Local 3674 to change the language of the post-retirement VEBA contribution Salary Savings Program to eliminate references to age. It is now based on years of service and LEOFF 2 retirement eligibility. This will be placed in the next contract. We will need to look at the same changes to the BC contract so that the language does not appear to be discriminatory.

Units had a few tough calls recently. A 2-year-old child drowned in the Lewis River. On May 26, a 15-year-old went into cardiac arrest at La Center High School; school staff performed CPR until CCFR arrived and crews rode into the hospital while treating the teen; good pulses and respiratory drive returned. Chief Nohr will recognize the school personnel at a future meeting.

STATION 151 STAFFING PLAN

Issued discussed under FFFB update.

EMS LEVY UPDATE

Update provided on EMS Levy activities. Chief Nohr presented at the Ridgefield Junction Neighborhood Association. He has contacted Bridget Schwartz at the Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association to set up a meeting. Printed handouts/fliers have been distributed to the stations and Chiefs. A video has been produced explaining the EMS levy; showing the difference between service from 2-person vs. 3-person crews. Letters-to-the-editor to go out after the meeting. An informational mailer will be sent approximately July 15. DVC Jackson has contacted the Ridgefield Farmer's Market to set up a safety booth. EMS levy information will be provided to the public.

OLD BUSINESS

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

LATE EDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Discussed inspection fees for non-profits. Commissioner Chunn asked if we have the discretion to waive inspection fees for non-profit organizations specifically related community events. DVC Jackson explained that the inspections are done on behalf of the cities and usually involve tents and stands at these events. Waiving fees would not be practical for inspections of structures and most cities are limited in their ability to waive fire fees. DVC

Jackson will research what other local jurisdictions are doing regarding this issue and report out at the next meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

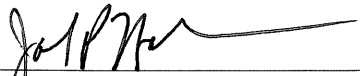
None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

Closing comments: Chief Nohr gave a brief update on Commissioner Johnson. Commissioner Chunn suggested the other commissioners see Maureen Groat to be sized for new shirts.

No further discussion. Meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.



Attest, John Nohr
Fire Chief / District Secretary




CLARK-COWLITZ FIRE RESCUE
CONSENT AGENDA
May 26, 2022

- 1. Minutes
 - May 12 Board Meeting
- 2. Pre-paid Invoices
 - \$ 18,866.82 (CCFR General Fund 6228)
 - i. \$ 14,679.21 Check Nos. 100516 – 100528 dated May 20
 - ii. \$ 4,187.61 EFT 945 paid May 17
 - \$ 590.00 (CCFR Capital Fund 6224)
 - i. ACH 959 paid May 23
- 3. Current Invoices
 - i. None
- 4. Approved Commissioner Stipends to be paid June 8

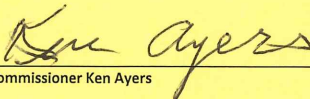
For the Period April 16 thru May 15						
Name	Regular Meeting	Committee Meeting	Assn Meeting	Educ	Other	Total
Ayers	1					1
Bartel	1	1				2
Chunn	1					1
Johnson	0	1				1
Town	1					1

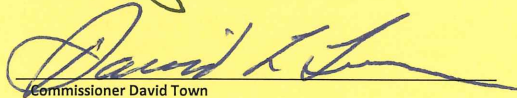
- 5. Voided/Destroyed Claims Warrants
 - None


Commissioner Stanley Chunn – Chair

Commissioner James R Johnson – Vice Chair


Commissioner Larry Bartel


Commissioner Ken Ayers


Commissioner David Town