



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

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**July 14, 2022**

Present:

Commissioners Stan Chunn, Ken Ayers, Larry Bartel, David Town.  
Chief John Nohr, DVC Mike Jackson. Recording Secretary Kathy Streissguth.

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Chunn at 4:03 p.m.

Flag Salute.

**CALL FOR LATE AGENDA ADDITIONS**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Commissioner Bartel to approve the consent agenda as presented.  
Second Commissioner Town. Discussed the damage repair for the attempted theft of a catalytic converter on the new F550 Ford brush unit. No further discussion.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Clark County Fire Risk Management Group**

Commissioner Bartel recapped the July 6 RMG meeting. Options were presented by the broker on premium reductions for increased deductibles. Could see a savings with a deductible increase on property, but not much change for vehicles. Needs further review before making a decision. Chief Nohr will distribute the information to the Board.

**Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board**

No meeting. No report.

**Finance Committee**

No meeting. No report.

**Local BVFF**

No meeting. No report.

## **WFOA Region VIII**

Commissioner Bartel shared information provided at the July 9 WFOA Board meeting. Education reported great attendance for both in person and online training. The legislative committee is working to implement the increase to volunteer benefits passed two years ago. Implementation was held up by an IRS ruling. 2022 priorities: allow farmers to fight wildland fires, increase grants to small departments, vehicle and equipment sales tax exemption starting with smaller departments. Still working to address the 101% tax increase limitation. Annual conference registration will increase to \$385. Reported that L&I found no violations during recent department audits. All wildland responders must be vaccinated or have an exemption on file when an agency employee. Investment interest rates are on the rise. Medical and dental plan usage is in the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile. PPO plans will increase 2.5% for 2023. Our Kaiser plan will decrease by 1.7%. No change to dental. The PPO plan administration is moving from First Choice to Cigna.

## **Commissioner Updates**

None.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Operations/Training/Logistics – Peeler**

Advised DVC Peeler is on an incident. Chief Nohr highlighted the June operations report. Station inspections conducted in June - Station 22 was deemed best. Wildland season has started. BC Rommel was dispatched to Alaska. Discussed Station 151 operations. Noted increases in AMR response times. Discussed incidents of note.

### **Community Risk Reduction/CARES – Jackson**

DVC Jackson detailed CRR and CARES activities for the month of June. The social media team is doing a great job sharing department information on the various platforms.

### **District Secretary/Chief**

Chief Nohr summarized the June Chief's report. A memorial service for Commissioner James "Bob" Johnson will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 30 at the ilani Resort ballroom. Recapped the citizen recognition and captain swearing in ceremonies that occurred on June 23. Recapped significant medical calls impacted by delays in ambulance response. Reminder that the burn ban runs from July 15 until October 1. Advised the monthly pay date has changed from the last day of the month to the 8th day of the following month. This will enable the monthly payroll to capture the full month's activity without reconciliation in the month following. The change was requested by the union. Chief Nohr was acting battalion chief on July 4 - it was a busy night. CRESA's fireworks complaint line was manned with volunteers and took in 749 calls over 3 days. The new ladder truck was placed in service on July 1. The two new engines were delivered on July 8. Anticipating they will be placed in service in September. Recruit firefighters Phillips and Adams have completed the academy and are on the line. Met with Kent Caputo, the new COO for the Cowlitz Tribe. The engine use agreement for the Rosenbauer engine has been approved by the Tribe.

**COMMISSIONER VACANCY**

Reviewed the process and timeline to fill Commissioner Johnson’s vacant position. The process and application will be posted on the district’s website from July 15 through July 25. Will review any applications received on July 28. Candidates will be invited to interview on August 11. Will be held at the beginning of the meeting. The position will be up for election in 2023 for the remainder of the term, which expires December 2027. Motion by Commissioner Bartel to accept the process as presented by Chief Nohr. Second Commissioner Town. Commissioner Chunn commented it was a good process. Verification of residency is part of the process. Chief Nohr advised the application template was provided by the Washington Fire Commissioners Association (WFCA). No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**EMS LEVY UPDATE**

Chief Nohr provided an update on community outreach activities. Several media interviews and open house events. Commissioner Bartel pointed out that Chief Nohr has been instrumental in getting information out to the public. Discussed the contingency resolution for the general election, which would allow CCFR to resubmit the proposition to the voters in November should it not pass in the primary. November election deadline is August 2 at 5:00 p.m. – the same day as the primary. The resolution may be withdrawn for any reason. Will bring to the July 28 meeting.

**LATE EDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

In response to a citizen question, the election validation requirement is 40% of the last general election. Anticipating validation will not be an issue.

Question on the district’s CARES (Community Assistance Referral and Education Services) program acronyms and funding. SWACH is SW Washington Accountable Community of Health. AADSWA is Area Agency on Aging & Disabilities of SW Washington. Chief Nohr advised the program is currently cost neutral through various agency contracts.

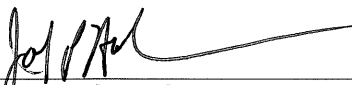
**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

No further discussion. Meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

  
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Attest, John Nohr  
Fire Chief/District Secretary





**CLARK-COWLITZ FIRE RESCUE  
CONSENT AGENDA  
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1. Minutes
  - June 23 Board Meeting
2. Pre-paid Invoices
  - \$ 6,782.87 (CCFR General Fund 6228)
    - i. Check Nos. 100592 – 100594 dated June 29
  - \$ 977.04 (FFFB Fund 6254)
    - i. Check No. 100595 dated June 29
  - \$ 316,368.73 (June Payroll Benefits Fund 6228)
    - i. Check Nos. 22145 – 22155 dated July 7
  - \$ 46,275.61 (CCFR General Fund 6228)
    - i. \$ 6,522.05 EFT No. 1301 dated July 6
    - ii. \$ 174.19 EFT No. 1302 dated July 8
    - iii. \$ 39,579.37 EFT 1303 on July 13 (CCFR General Fund 6228)
  - \$ 2,252.61 (FFFB Fund 6254)
    - i. EFT 1304 on July 13
3. Current Invoices
  - \$ 92,231.05 (CCFR General Fund 6228)
    - i. \$ 90,352.93 Check Nos. 100596 – 100640
    - ii. \$ 94.09 EFT 1350
    - iii. \$ 1,784.03 ACH 1351 – 1353
  - \$ 1,454.25 (FFFB Fund 6254)
    - i. Check Nos. 100641 – 100643
4. Payroll
  - June 1 – 30 paid July 8
    - i. \$ 700,220.88 Gross
    - ii. \$ 464,133.18 ACH net
    - iii. \$ 90,462.36 Tax Deposit paid July 8
5. June Use Tax to be paid July 25
  - \$ 1,467.40 CCFR
  - \$ 39.44 FFFB
6. Fund Transfer/Debt Service
  - \$ 10,896.88 (CCFR 6220 – Jun22 2013-SEP01 Debt Service)
  - \$ 95,950.00 (CCFR 6220 – Jun22 2020Feb05 Debt Service)
  - \$ 90,370.00 (CCFR 6220 – Jun22 2021Jan28 Debt Service)
  - \$ 87,311.00 (CCFR 6220 – Jun22 2021Dec14 Debt Service)
  - \$ 269,527.88 (CCFR FT 6228 to 6220)
  - \$ 666.25 (FFFB 6254 – Jun22 Land Lease)
  - \$ 333.12 (CCFR FT 6228 to 6254 – FFFB Land Lease Cost Share)
  - \$ 4,283.50 (CCFR FT 6228 to 6254 – Q3-22 FFFB Operations)
7. Voided/Destroyed Claims Warrants
  - 100629 – print error; paid with EFT 1350

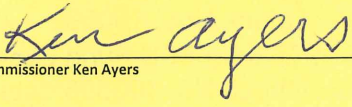


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Commissioner Stanley Chunn – Chair

  
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Commissioner David Town – Vice Chair

  
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Commissioner Larry Bartel

  
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Commissioner Ken Ayers

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Vacant – Appointment Pending