



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

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**July 28, 2022**

Present:

Commissioners Stan Chunn (Chair), David Town (Vice Chair), Ken Ayers, Larry Bartel.

Chief John Nohr. DVCs Mike Jackson and Ben Peeler. BC Abe Rommel. Recording Secretary Kathy Streissguth.

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

Flag salute.

Swearing in ceremony for new members fulltime firefighters Brett Adams and Riley Phillips, combat volunteer firefighter Courtney Kampe, and support volunteer firefighter Richard Smith.

Meeting resumed at 4:45 p.m.

**CALL FOR LATE AGENDA ADDITIONS**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Commissioner Town to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second Commissioner Bartel. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Chief Nohr reported on a phone call received regarding a recent response by the TO21 crew on July 26. The patient was appreciative of the excellent service provided by Captain Josh Brooks, Firefighter Zach Galster and Firefighter Paramedic Chris Edmonds.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Clark County Fire Risk Management Group**

Commissioner Bartel reviewed the premium savings options related to deductible increases discussed at the last meeting. Following discussion, the Board supported increasing the building and equipment deductible to \$2,500 and setting the vehicle deductible at \$500.

Commissioner Bartel will share CCFR's position with the Risk Management Group. Advised that some group members are not in

support of a change in deductibles. The group as a whole will make the final decision on changes to the policy.

### **Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board**

Commissioner Chunn and Chief Nohr shared information from the July 27 FFFB meeting. Addressing the need for landscape maintenance dominated the discussion during the meeting. Once Streissguth reviews the numbers, there will be a slight contribution increase to cover the cost of outfitting the station for responding crews. FD6 will contribute equally to those costs. Shared call data for June and July. Chief Nohr shared that FD6 Chief Maurer had pointed out in the meeting that the mutual aid response had equalized; he added that balanced mutual aid is not a legal requirement. Advised that the County has a janitorial service working in the County offices and the public areas.

### **Finance Committee**

No meeting. No report.

### **Local BVFF Committee**

No meeting. No report.

### **WFCA Region VIII**

No report.

### **Commissioner Updates**

Commissioner Bartel and DVC Peeler attended the remembrance for former Cowlitz Indian Tribe Chairman Dave Barnett. A very nice event. Commissioner Bartel and Chief Nohr had a positive meeting with the new Chair, a tribal council member and the Director of the charitable giving fund for the Tribe. Discussed partnerships and giving opportunities as we continue to work together. At their request we shall always refer to them as the Cowlitz Indian Tribe in all communications.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Nohr reminded everyone of Commissioner Johnson's memorial at the ilani Resort on Saturday, July 30 at 2:00 p.m. At the family's request, Chief Nohr will speak on behalf of CCFR. Thanked the ilani for all their support with this event. Advised that former Commissioner Jon Babcock passed away last week. His memorial service will be held on August 13 at 1:00 p.m. at the Local 452 union hall on Fruit Valley Road in Vancouver. Shared that the E29 crew participated in a celebration of life for a young Woodland man who was a big fan of the department. The family was provided with stickers and a challenge coin. They appreciated the department's involvement and made a \$150 donation to the firefighter's association. Water safety messages are

being shared on social media and during this week's swift water rescue training at Horseshoe Lake. Crews have been directly to drive by the usual water holes to monitor and provide additional water safety information. Fire season is off to a slow start. There are no crews out at this time, but expecting things to pick up soon. Crews and the Community Risk Reduction team will be participating in this weekend's Our Days celebration in La Center. Crews will be participating in the National Night Out events at all three cities on August 2 from 6-8 p.m.

### **EMS LEVY UPDATE**

Chief Nohr recapped the EMS levy informational town hall held at St26 on Thursday, July 21, the station open house events held on Saturday, July 23, his and the social media team's ongoing public outreach efforts, and recent news media coverage. Commissioner Bartel asked if there were any preliminary valuation numbers to calculate potential proceeds from the EMS levy. Chief Nohr advised the figures are not yet available.

### **PROVISIONAL EMS LEVY PROPOSITION**

Motion by Commissioner Town to adopt Resolution No. 220728-1, a provisional resolution authorizing CCFR to place the EMS levy on the November 8 general election ballot. Second Commissioner Ayers. Discussion. Commissioner Bartel stated he feels it's a good idea to keep the door open. This will provide an opportunity to assess whether the Board wants to rerun the levy should it fail in the primary. Chief Nohr shared he has heard nothing but positive feedback during his interactions with the public. Commissioner Chunn stated he considers this a safety net. Chief Nohr advised that FD6 also has a provisional resolution in place. It is also a common practice at North Country EMS. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously. The resolution will be withdrawn if not needed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **LATE EDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

**COMMISSIONER APPLICATION REVIEW**

Chief Nohr advised that five applications for Commissioner Johnson's vacancy were received from the following CCFR residents:

- Jade Bourke, Woodland
- Bridgette Taylor, Ridgefield
- Zachary Johnson, Ridgefield
- Mary Worley, La Center
- Graham Lasee, Woodland

All are qualified to serve. Will conduct interviews at the beginning of the August 11 meeting in open session. Selection will be announced following discussion in executive session. The selected candidate will be sworn in and following a brief recess, the newly appointed Commissioner may actively participate in the remainder of the meeting.


July staff reports will be deferred to the August 25 meeting.

Chief Nohr will provide potential interview questions to the Board.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

No further discussion. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

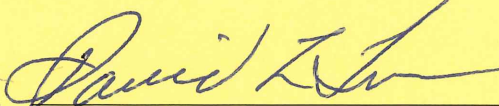
  
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Attest, John Nohr  
Fire Chief / District Secretary



**CLARK-COWLITZ FIRE RESCUE  
CONSENT AGENDA  
July 28, 2022**

1. Minutes
  - July 14 Board Meeting
2. Pre-paid Invoices
  - \$ 74,546.51 (Q2-22 Payroll Taxes Fund 6228)
    - i. Check Nos. 22156 – 22160
3. Current Invoices
  - \$ 66,272.77 (CCFR General Fund 6228)
    - i. \$ 40,047.69 Check Nos. 100662 – 100646 dated July 28
    - ii. \$ 21,185.95 ACH 1409 to be paid July 29
    - iii. \$ 5,039.13 EFT 1391 paid July 19
  - \$ 495.96 (Capital Fund 6224)
    - i. ACH 1390 to be paid July 29
  - \$ 4,859.01 (FFFB Fund 6254)
    - i. Check Nos. 100644 – 100645 dated July 28
4. Fund Transfer
  - \$ 4,283.50 6228 to 6254 – FFFB Q3-22 Operations processed July 11
5. Voided/Destroyed Claims Warrants
  - None

  
Commissioner Stanley Chunn – Chair

  
Commissioner David Town – Vice Chair

  
Commissioner Larry Bartel

  
Commissioner Ken Ayers

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Vacant – Appointment Pending