



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

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**April 13, 2023**

Present:

Commissioners Stanley Chunn, Ken Ayers, Larry Bartel, Jade Bourke.  
Chief John Nohr. DVCs Mike Jackson and Ben Peeler. Recording Secretary Kathy Streissguth.

Commissioner Dave Town was excused from attending.

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 Bartel to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second Commissioner Bourke. Motion passed unanimously.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Chief Nohr advised he received a complaint from a citizen in Woodland about a neighbor burning materials and creating noxious smoke. DVC Jackson contacted the citizen and assisted with contacting SWWCAA to report the air pollution problem. The citizen was appreciative of the assistance. Woodland Mayor Will Finn sent a thank you to all agencies that assisted with the mud slide that blocked Interstate 5.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

#### **Clark County Fire Risk Management Group**

Commissioner Bartel reported that a meeting was held on April 12 at Station 61. CCFR claim for a damaged apparatus door was approved. CCFR has some increased premiums due to new apparatus and vehicles added to the fleet. Also has a few small reductions due to apparatus being removed from fleet. Noted that Cowlitz 2 Fire Rescue has hired a new chief that will start July 1.

#### **Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board**

No meeting. No report.

#### **Finance Committee**

No meeting. No report.

## **WFCR Region VIII – Bartel**

Updates on the legislative efforts to exempt property tax from some groups such as seniors and veterans. Also, a bill that would allow contracts with service agencies.

SW Fire Commissioner Association will hold a meeting at CCFR Station 21 on May 17. Dinner at 1830 hours and meeting at 1900 hours.

## **Local BVFF**

No report. No report.

## **Commissioner Updates**

Commissioner reported that he spoke with CCFD6 Board Chair Chris Pfeiffer about holding a joint meeting. Suggested that we have a joint meeting at least annually. Commissioner Pfeiffer was amenable to the idea. No date was set; fire chiefs to coordinate the date. Commissioner Chunn would like to meet the Boards of all our mutual aid partners. We can discuss it further at the SW Commissioner Meeting.

## **CHIEF'S REPORTS**

DVC Peeler summarized the monthly Operations Report. In addition, he reported that FF Sean Kearns and FF Keith Graham had been promoted to Captain. New Captain and Battalion Chief promotional tests will be held later this summer.

BC Graham's last shift will be on April 24. Final tones will be at 0700 on April 25 at Station 21, followed by breakfast at the Oak Tree in Woodland.

DVC Jackson summarized the monthly Community Risk Reduction Report.

Chief Nohr summarized the monthly Fire Chief Report. In addition, FD6 has asked if we can delay staffing a 2<sup>nd</sup> shift at Station 151 until September; FD6 is currently recruiting new personnel and won't have them trained and ready to go until September; the FD6 Board of Commissioners wants to staff at the same time as CCFR; starting in July will cost FD6 over \$100,000 in overtime to staff the extra two months. DVC Peeler noted that CCFR has exhausted the current Captain promotional list, and the next test won't be completed until September; CCFR would need to utilize an Acting Captain at one of the stations if we staff an additional shift at Station 151 in July. CCFR commissioners to consider request and provide guidance at next meeting.

Chief Nohr acknowledged that Capital Facility Plan is still being edited with new information and should be forwarded soon.

Chief Nohr advised that an agreement to lease space at the old La Center City Hall for the CRR Team has been negotiated. It is a 3-year lease with two options to continue for two years. The cost is \$2240 per month, which is less than other properties in the area are leasing for. Chief Nohr requests approval from the Board to move forward; Motion by Commissioner Bartel, seconded by Commissioner Ayers to move forward with the lease. Question about money in the budget; Chief Nohr reported that the cost is well under the amount budgeted to lease space this year; motion passes unanimously.

Discussion on the City of Ridgefield's proposed TIF tax increment area. Chief Nohr and Commissioner Chunn conducted a phone call with Attorney Brian Snure to get more information; Snure advised that District should negotiate the impacts of the TIF. Nohr

exchanged emails with City Manager Steve Stuart about holding an informational meeting; Nohr expressed in the email that the District relies heavily on property taxes and will be significantly impacted by the TIF.

CCFR will be holding a Hiring Open House on April 15 at Station 21 from 1100-1400 hours.

Policies that DVC provided previously will be reviewed at the next meeting.

**LATE EDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

No further discussion. Meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.



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Attest, John Nohr  
District Secretary/Fire Chief