



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

August 24, 2023

Present:

Commissioners Stanley Chunn, David Town, Ken Ayers, Larry Bartel, Jade Bourke.
DVCs Ben Peeler, Mike Jackson, Eamonn Ryan. Recording Secretary Kathy Streissguth.

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

Flag Salute.

DVC Peeler facilitated the meeting in Chief Nohr's absence (vacation).

CALL FOR LATE AGENDA ADDITIONS

Commissioner Chunn asked to discuss policy review.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Town to adopt the consent agenda as presented. Second Commissioner Bourke. Commissioner Bartel asked about the boat motor purchase. DVC Ryan advised the motor was damaged beyond repair due to part failure during a training event. No one was injured. Not a preventative maintenance issue. This was an old motor on the Woodland boat (Rescue Boat 24). Replacement time will be approximately two weeks, as the selected vendor had a unit in stock. Other motor options were months out. Noted the LP15 units arrived. No further discussion. Motion approved unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Thank you note from Liberty Bible Church. Advised there has been a lot of public outreach with several verbal and written thank yous shared with district personnel for efforts on the Jenny Creek Road fire in La Center last month.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Clark County Fire Risk Management Group

No meeting. No report.

Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board

No meeting. No report.

Finance Committee

No meeting. No report.

WFCA Region VIII – Bartel

No report.

Local BVFF

No meeting. No report.

Cowlitz Indian Tribe – Contract Liaison Bartel/Bourke

None.

Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Bartel shared that the 2024 WFCAs health insurance rates are out and under review. Both Kaiser and the PPO plans will have an increase, Kaiser is significant.

RESOLUTION NO. 230824-1 SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Reviewed a resolution to surplus obsolete spare equipment. Would require a significant investment to return to service. SCBA vendor Seawestern has offered to exchange service for the equipment as is. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 230824-1, a resolution declaring a Biosystems PosiChek 3 SCBA test as surplus to the needs of the district by Commissioner Bartel. Second Commissioner Bourke. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 230824-2 LCC CLOSURE

Commissioner Chunn advised he requested the Chief to prepare the proposed resolution pending the closure of Larch Corrections Center (LCC) in Washougal in line with similar requests by community partners and neighboring agencies. Motion by Commissioner Town to adopt Resolution No. 230824-2, a resolution requesting the Washington State Department of Corrections to continue operations at the facility. Second Commissioner Bartel. Lengthy discussion on relocation options and issues related to the closure. Commissioner Chunn commented he believes the decision is already final, but it doesn't hurt anything to formally express the district's concerns regarding the closure. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

CLARK FD 3 JOINT BOARD MEETING UPDATE

Commissioner Chunn advised the meeting will be scheduled on a Wednesday at 18:00. Location and date to be determined. Suggested September 27, October 4 or 11 and allow FD3 to choose. Will see which day may work for them. Will be an additional Special Meeting.

FIRE ENGINE PROCUREMENT

DVC Peeler shared the need to have new engines in the procurement queue to keep with the equipment replacement schedule. Currently, we are facing 3-year build times. Motion by Commissioner Bartel to move forward with the procurement process. Second Commissioner Bourke. DVC Peeler advised there isn't a financial obligation at this time, the PO will hold our place in the queue. Not expecting any penalties for cancellation of the order up until critical decision points, which are potentially a couple years away. Discussion. Will follow up with status reports and throughout the process. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

ANNUAL REPORT UPDATE

DVC Peeler reported that as of yesterday, a mostly finalized auto-generated report became available. Reviewed and discussed. Confirmed that the report and policy language were corrected to match. There are a couple more items to finalize in order for the full report to be completed.

RIDGEFIELD TAX INCREMENT AREA (TIA)

Commissioner Chunn advised he received a response from the Ridgefield Mayor that City Council is waiting on the annual Ridgefield call data before scheduling a joint meeting. They want the opportunity to review the information in order to be prepared for the meeting. Commissioner Bartel commented that it is taking longer to get to downtown Ridgefield, which will impact response times. Discussion.

CHIEF’S REPORT

DVC Peeler advised there will be a Life-Saving Award Ceremony in Ridgefield for two RPD officers. Request for district administration to attend the Cowlitz Indian Tribe blessing of a tribally operated medically assisted treatment van on Friday, August 25. Will be used to transport tribal members to medical appointments. Shared that there were over 70 agency resources on the Jenny Creek Road fire. Recapped the fire.

DVC Ryan shared that the Lewis River bridge repair hasn’t yet started. Will check in on the project daily and assess need for additional staffing as it proceeds. Summarized the preliminary contingency plan.

LATE EDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Commissioner Chunn asked for a policy review workshop at the next meeting to review and recommend updates to policies related to the Board. Planning to convert them to Lexipol at some point. Will cover Clark County Fire & Rescue Board Guidelines, Commissioner Compensation Policy No. 511.11.01, and Board of Fire Commissioners Policy No. 511.10.01. Commissioner Town advised he would prioritize the Ridgefield TIA discussion. Commissioner Chunn advised that would be a priority if time is an issue.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Bridgid Taylor thanked the fire crew’s efforts in La Center and the Board for support in keeping the Larch Corrections Center open. Also shared her concern regarding safety in a new park being built along I-5. Wants to ensure it doesn’t turn into a camp site and wanted the Board to be aware of the project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.


No further discussion. Meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

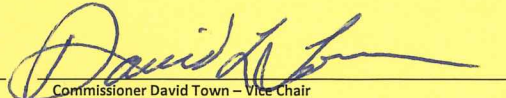
Attest, Ben Peeler
Administrative Services Division Chief




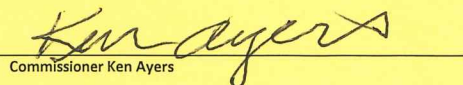
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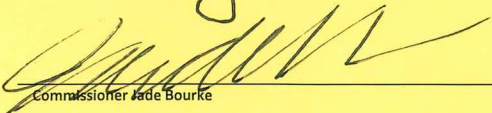
1. Minutes
 - August 10 Board Meeting
2. Prepaid Invoices
 - \$ 25,974.64 (VISA Statement ending August 7 paid August 14)
 - i. \$ 1,342.97 ACH No. 1888 (FFFB Fund 62254)
 - ii. \$ 24,631.67 ACH No. 1889 (CCFR Gen Fund 6228)
 - \$ 8,675.64 (CCFR Gen Fund 6228)
 - i. ACH No. 1890 paid August 21
3. Invoices
 - \$ 128,169.26 (CCFR General Fund 6228)
 - i. \$ 67.47 EFT No. 1893 paid August 24
 - ii. \$ 4,244.47 EFT No. 1894 paid August 24
 - iii. \$ 86,691.10 Chk Nos. 101553 – 101568 dated August 24
 - iv. \$ 37,166.22 ACH Nos. 1911 – 1913 to be paid August 25
 - \$ 930.00 (CCFR Capital Fund 6224)
 - i. ACH No. 1891 to be paid August 25
 - \$ 1,133.29 (FFFB Fund 6254)
 - i. Check No. 101552 dated August 24
4. Voided/Destroyed Claims Warrants
 - None


Commissioner Stanley Chunn – Chair


Commissioner David Town – Vice Chair


Commissioner Larry Bartel


Commissioner Ken Ayers


Commissioner Jade Bourke