



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

October 30, 2023

Present:

Commissioners Stanley Chunn, David Town, Ken Ayers, Larry Bartel, Jade Bourke. Chief John Nohr. DVCs Ben Peeler and Eamonn Ryan. Recording Secretary Kathy Streissguth.

Continued meeting from October 26 resumed by Commissioner Chunn at 3:38 p.m.

Flag Salute.

CALL FOR LATE AGENDA ADDITIONS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Bourke to adopt the consent agenda as presented. Second Commissioner Town. Discussed vehicle damage repair on an engine. A compartment door was left open when pulling out of the station for a call. No further discussion. Motion approved unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Thank you card for participation in the Ridgefield High School Career Day. Internal communication from Fire Inspector Zanzi on public education activities conducted by the Community Risk Reduction team.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Clark County Fire Risk Management Group

Discussed an earthquake policy proposal. Cost to CCFR would be \$45,342 for CCFR's share of the policy. There is only about \$25 million in coverage for all participants in the group. Discussion. Board consensus to pass on the proposed policy.

Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board

No meeting. No report.

Finance Committee

Commissioner Town reported the committee met earlier to review the proposed 2024 budgets. The committee is also recommending a lid lift proposition to return the levy rate to \$1.50 per thousand for the August 2024 primary election. Recommendation to adopt the proposed budget at the November 9 meeting. Commissioner Bourke advised the General Fund is slightly overspent. This is not sustainable without a lid lift. Chief Nohr reported the beginning cash seeded to the EMS operations fund from the General Fund will be reimbursed.

WFOA Region VIII – Bartel

Reviewed information discussed at the WFOA Board meeting held on October 25. Healthcare updated and legislative priorities.

Local BVFF

No meeting. No report.

Cowlitz Indian Tribe – Contract Liaison Bartel/Bourke

No updates on meeting dates.

Commissioner Updates

Discussed the annual WFOA conference. Good networking, covered a number of legal issues and hot topics. Commissioner Bartel advised that legal counsel Brian Snure will be unavailable for 3 weeks in December of 2024. Reported the board stipend will increase to \$157 per meeting in January. Compensable limit will increase from 8 to 12 meetings per month. Topics covered at the conference were discussed.

CHIEF’S REPORT

Chief Nohr shared the agenda for the November 8 joint meeting with Fire Districts 3 and 6. Deadline for additional agenda items is November 2. The administrative office will be closed on Friday, November 10 in recognition of the Veteran’s Day holiday. The ilani Resort tree lighting ceremony will be held on Friday, November 10 at 6:00 p.m. Santa will arrive in the new ambulance, which will be blessed by the Cowlitz Indian Tribe. The Woodland Pirsch engine will be in a holiday display at the Resort for a few days. The need for an additional meeting on November 16 will be confirmed at the November 9 meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

RIDGEFIELD TAX INCREMENT AREA (TIA)

Chief Nohr recapped the mitigation negotiations held with Ridgefield City Manager Steve Stuart earlier this week. The second public hearing on the TIA occurred on Thursday, October 26 with the first reading of the proposed ordinance the same night. The city will agree to purchase property for a new station by December 31, 2025; will meet to review impacts to the district at 5 years after implementation with additional review every 3 years. The city rejected the proposal for binding arbitration. All TIA proceeds will be applied to the bond and the TIA will be disbanded when the bonds are paid off. Note that changes to the TIA law are in legislative development and will be presented at the next session. Commissioner Bartel advised the WFOA lobbyist suggested there is a possibility of some retroactive application for adopted changes in the law. There is a lot of work to be done. Anticipating several CCFR suggestions may be incorporated. Advised the second reading of the proposed ordinance is scheduled for November 2. Commissioners Bartel and Chunn will speak during public comment.

PORT OF RIDGEFIELD TAX INCREMENT AREA (TIA)

No updates. Chief Nohr will contact Port Director Randy Mueller to discuss agreements.

LATE EDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

No further discussion. Meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.



Attest, John Nohr
District Secretary/Fire Chief



CLARK-COWLITZ FIRE RESCUE CONSENT AGENDA October 30, 2023

1. Minutes

- October 12 General Meeting
- October 18 Special Meeting
- October 25 Special Meeting
- October 26 General Meeting

2. Prepaid Invoices

- \$ 27,826.63 US Bank VISA Statement paid October 13
 - i. \$ 26,153.80 CCFR General Fund 6228
 - ii. \$ 1,672.83 FFFB Fund 6254
- \$339,118.21 (CCFR General Fund 6228)
 - i. \$ 125.87 EFT 2371 paid October 19
 - ii. \$ 8,969.61 EFT 2372 paid October 19
 - iii. \$252,505.56 Check Nos. 101649 – 101703
 - iv. \$ 77,517.17 ACH 2366 – 2370 paid October 23

3. Invoices

- \$ 2,240.00 ACH 2507 to be paid November 1

4. Fund Transfers

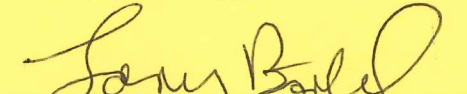
- \$ 7,975.00 from General Fund 6228 to FFFB Fund 6254

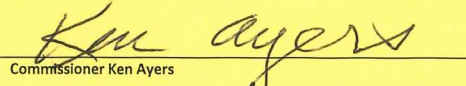
5. Voided/Destroyed Claims Warrants

- None



Commissioner Stanley Chunn – Chair

Commissioner David Town – Vice Chair

Commissioner Larry Bartel

Commissioner Ken Ayers

Commissioner Jade Bourke