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

April 25, 2024

Present:
Commissioners Stanley Chunn, David Town, Ken Ayers, Larry Bartel, Jade Bourke. Chief John Nohr. ACs Ben Peeler and Eamonn Ryan.

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

Flag Salute.

CALL FOR LATE AGENDA ADDITIONS
Presentation by County MPD Dr. Macht to follow citizen comments.

CONSENT AGENDA
Motion by Commissioner Bourke to adopt the consent agenda as presented. Second Commissioner Ayers. Commissioner Bourke asked about the night vision goggles. Chief Nohr explained they are for use on the boat. No further discussion. Call for the vote. Unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS
Facebook post acknowledging Fire Cadets visiting Washington DC who were polite, respectful, and represented CCFR well. Thank you from a person who was at CCFR for a meeting and got ill. Thanked Airen Elizabeth and the on-duty crew for taking care of her with professionalism and compassion.

CITIZEN COMMENTS
Ridgefield Mayor Pro Tem Jennifer Lindsay thanked Chief Nohr for taking her on a driving tour of the Ridgefield area and pointing out challenges to CCFR. Addressing concerns Chief Nohr raised about road closures. The N. Royle Road closure will not coincide with the Pioneer Street closure. There is a meeting at the RAAC on April 30 from 6-8 PM to discuss road issues in the city. Ms. Lindsay will be presenting the Ridgefield Comprehensive Plan at the May 23 CCFR meeting.

DR. MARLOW MACHT – CLARK COUNTY MEDICAL PROGRAM DIRECTOR
Dr. Macht gave his background as a wildland firefighter, paramedic. Has been an ER physician in Clark County for 11 years and Assistant MPD under Dr. Wittwer for several. He is working on a cost-neutral PCEP plan allowing in-person or on-line training. Protocols now allow the paramedic transporting to the hospital to decide on Code-1 vs. Code-3 based on patient needs, which is safer for everyone. Legacy Salmon Creek is now a cardiovascular treatment facility. Gave an example of a CCFR call at the ilani Resort where the patient was treated in the cath lab at LSC within 72 minutes of the call to 911. This incident highlighted CCFR and AMR crews working together and the new abilities at LSC coming together to provide a high level of patient care.

Dr. Macht thanked CCFR for implementation of the CARES programs and the higher level of patient care and referral provided. Commissioner Bourke asked about future

protocol changes. Dr. Macht gave an example of death in the field, use of blood products, and use of buprenorphrine in the field to treat narcotic overdoses. Commissioner Chunn thanked Dr. Macht for supporting CCFR programs.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Clark County Fire Risk Management Group – Bartel

Commissioner Bartel advised the earthquake insurance is tabled until next year. Accidental sickness policy for volunteers is up for renewal and has or will be invoiced.

Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board – Chunn

No meeting, no report.

Finance Committee – Town/Bourke

No meeting, no report.

WFCA Region VIII – Bartel

Healthcare costs are running at 108% usage, which will result in increased costs next year unless use drops. Lobbyist Ryan Spiller will become the sole lobbyist for WFCA and will drop other customers if WFCA desires. This will cost an additional $26,000. WFCA to decide by June. Discussion on whether to support this proposal. The number of per diem days for commissioners has increased by 50%. The State Fire Academy sustained $106,000 in damage during a recent storm. Changes to TIF legislation passed this year. Eastside Fire Rescue now has an arson dog. Fire districts in Spokane County are being revalued by the County Assessor's Office due to the loss of structures during recent wildfires. This will result in less property tax income for the fire districts. Region VIII dinner meeting is on May 1 at Station 21. Dinner will be at 6:30 PM and discussion at 7 PM. Representatives Ed Orcutt, Greg Cheney, and Stephanie McClintock will be in attendance.

Local BVFF – Chunn/Ayers

No meeting. No report.

Cowlitz Indian Tribe – Contract Liaison Bartel/Bourke

Chief Nohr reported that there would be a thank you brunch at the ilani Resort on April 28 at 11:00. Commissioner Bourke is unable to attend. Chief Nohr will open the invitation to the Assistant Chiefs. CCFR has invoiced the Cowlitz Indian Tribe $455,059 for the 2024 annual payment.

Local BVFF – Chunn

No meeting. No report.

EMS District 2 – Bourke

Commissioner Bourke reported that Councilor Sue Marshall was elected Chair of EMSD2 at the meeting on April 22. No information on the RFP. Much discussion that the RFP allows CCFR to transport P1-P2 incidents, but other districts don't. Dr. Macht pointed out that the other districts can transport at Level 0, which was the big concern.

Port of Ridgefield TIA
Commissioner Bartel reported that the Port met on May 8. They bought the bus barn in downtown Ridgefield. The City of Ridgefield will vote on bonds for TIA.

Port of Woodland TIA
Commissioner Town reported that Port of Woodland Commissioners reviewed market rates for their properties. There will be a TIF workshop on May 8. Not currently on the website, but clarified it will occur if on the agenda. Commissioner Town asked if Chief Nohr could do a public records request for their TIF contracts. Commissioner Bourke reported that the Port of Woodland properties are well below market value.

Commissioner Updates
Commissioner Bourke attended the City of Ridgefield meeting on April 11. The city approved a drone policy, chose a new city council member, and reviewed the Port of Ridgefield TIF.

CHIEF'S REPORT
Dr. Wittwer retirement event was held on April 19. CCFR was represented by Captain Robert Harvey, AC Peeler, and Chief Nohr. The ambulance push-in ceremony will occur on May 1 at 10:00 AM. A press release will go out this week. Ridgefield Junction Neighborhood Association meeting will be held on May 20 at the Dollar Tree warehouse. Chief Nohr requested 2 minutes to speak on behalf of the district. Thanked two Ridgefield Police Department officers who provided CPR and defibrillation on a recent call. Chiefs Nohr, Ryan, and Peeler will be attending the Labor Relations Institute May 8-10.

LID LIFT PROPOSITION – PUBLIC HEARING
Commissioner Chunn opened a public hearing on the levy lid lift at 4:38 PM. No public comments. The hearing was closed at 4:40 PM.

LID LIFT PROPOSITION –RESOLUTION NO. 240425-1
Chief Nohr explained the levy lid lift proposal, which is the same as adopted by the voters in 2017. Request to restore the levy to $1.50 per $1,000 of assessed value, to a maximum of 6%. Will be used to maintain personnel and fund capital purchases including 2 fire engines, a water tender, completion of Station 29 in Woodland, and starting construction on Station 24 in Ridgefield.

Motion by Commissioner Bourke to adopt Resolution 240425-1. Second Commissioner Ayers. Discussion. Commissioner Bartel cautioned that CCFR needs to be sure to construct Station 24 in Ridgefield. He stated that voters will lose confidence in the district if we do not do what we say we will do. Chief Nohr mentioned that we need to monitor bond prices to ensure we get the best rate. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Moved to executive session at 4:44 PM to discuss potential litigation with legal representation via teleconference. No action expected. Anticipated length of session 20 minutes. Session extended at 5:03 PM for 15 minutes. Meeting resumed at 5:18 PM.

TAX INCREMENT AREAS
Chief Nohr reported that the Port of Ridgefield has received the CCFR and FD6 proposed ILAs, which included a reference to industry-standard predictive analysis software, and the need to meet every two years. Received a copy of the adopted resolution from the April 10 Port of Ridgefield meeting. Commissioner Bartel noted that the WFCA lobbyist feels the recent changes to TIF laws will benefit fire districts and he feels the meeting time frame should be shorter.

POLICY REVIEW
AC Peeler stated that language was added to clarify that a retiree's badge remains the property of CCFR and may be requested back at any time.

Motion by Commissioner Bourke to adopt the following policies.

- Policy No. 700 Use of District Owned and Personal Property
- Policy No. 1029 Badges
- Policy No. 1030 Identification Cards

Second Commissioner Bartel. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

LATE EDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS
None.

No further discussion. Meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Attest, John Nohr
District Secretary/Fire Chief

Clark-Cowlitz
FIRE RESCUE

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CONSENT AGENDA
April 25, 2024

1. Minutes
   - Board Meeting – March 28
   - Board Meeting – April 11
2. Prepaid Invoices
   - $ 28,299.19 (US Bank VISA paid April 15)
     i. $ 25,495.57 EFT 902 (CCFR Fund 6228)
     ii. $ 2,803.62 EFT 903 (FFFB Fund 6254)
3. Invoices
   - $ 1,149.73 (FFFB Fund 6254)
     i. Chk No. 102109 dated April 25
   - $ 29,710.20 (CCFR General Fund 6228)
     i. $ 16.83 EFT 910 paid April 25
     ii. $ 3,728.60 EFT 911 paid April 25
     iii. $ 21,265.05 Chk Nos. 102110 – 102126 dated April 25
     iv. $ 4,699.72 ACH 929 – 932 to be paid April 26
4. Fund Transfers
   - $475,000.00 EMS 6226 to Gen Fund 6228 – April 29
5. Voided/Destroyed Claims Warrants
   - None

Commissioner Stanley Chunn – Chair

Commissioner David Town – Vice Chair

Commissioner Larry Bartel

Commissioner Ken Ayers

Commissioner Jade Bourke

Clark County
FIRE & RESCUE

Form No. 511.10.03
EXECUTIVE SESSION
Created: June 11, 2008
Revised: May 11, 2011

Meeting Date
4/25/24

Stated purpose of this executive session:

- ○ To consider matters affecting national security.
- ○ To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate.
- ○ To consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease.
- ○ To review negotiations on the performance of publicly bid contracts.
- ○ To receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee.
- ○ To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment.
- ○ To review the performance of a public employee.
- ○ To evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office.
- ○ To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency (present or via telephone conference) matters relating to agency enforcement actions.
- ● To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency (present or via telephone conference) litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party.
- ○ To discuss collective bargaining negotiation strategies.

Meeting recessed at	1644	Hrs
Anticipated length of session	20	Mins
Announcement of extended session	1703	Hrs
Anticipated extended length of session	15	Mins
Meeting resumed at	1718	Hrs

Action anticipated ○ YES ● NO

Reference RCW Chapter 42.30