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

April 10, 2025

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

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

Flag Salute.

CALL FOR LATE AGENDA ADDITIONS
Commissioner Bartel requested discussion on impact fees.

CONSENT AGENDA
Motion by Commissioner Bartel to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Second Commissioner Bourke. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS
Thank you note from Wahkiakum FD3 Fire Chief Aaron Burkhalter, the Board of Commissioners, and several volunteers for the opportunity to purchase needed equipment surplussed by CCFR.

CITIZEN COMMENTS
New Ridgefield councilmember Meghan Hamilton introduced herself to the Board.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Clark County Fire Risk Management Group
Commissioner Bartel summarized topics covered at the April 8 meeting. Working on the volunteer disability insurance renewal. Leaning towards moving this policy to WHA. WHA provided an update on Federal grant opportunities. The group is assessing the claims review process and meeting frequency.

Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board
No report.

Finance Committee – Town/Bourke
Met earlier in the day to review the first quarter financials, which appear on track with revenues and expenditures as expected. No recommended changes.

WFCA Region VIII – Bartel
Reminder of the Region 8 dinner meeting on May 5 at 6:30 p.m. for a Legislative Update. RSVP to Commissioner Bartel. Additional information at 4:30 p.m. that changing the levy increase to 103% is still being actively pursued and the treasurer's invoicing for services proposal is still alive but buried in finance.

Local BVFF – Chunn/Ayers
No report.

Cowlitz Indian Tribe – Contract Liaison Bartel/Bourke
No report.

EMS District 2 – Bourke
No report.

Port of Ridgefield
Commissioner Bartel summarized information presented at the April 8 meeting.

Port of Woodland
Commissioner Town shared there wasn't much business conducted at the last meeting. Will cover what was discussed under Tax Increment Areas - Update.

Commissioner Updates
None.

CHIEF'S UPDATE
Chief Nohr thanked Ridgefield Councilmember Favela for joining him on a ride around the District. Discussed the Ridgefield arson fire. One ambulance has been delivered to the HFE shop for final outfitting prior to delivery to the Cowlitz Indian Tribe. The second will be used a demo unit for a few months. Expecting delivery in July. The Community Risk Reduction team is looking to move back to Ridgefield. Space is available at the old Pacific Power offices. Working with the City to get additional spaces in the Public Works parking lot across the street. Signed an agreement with the City of Ridgefield to tie up the dragon boats at the boathouse. Will not interfere with operations. AC Peeler is working with Aetta Architects on the St29 pre-design. Should have a briefing at the next meeting. Noted there was a nice article in The Reflector on a recent safety presentation conducted by the CRR team.

TAX INCREMENT AREAS – UPDATE
Chief Nohr reported the WFC's lobbyist has been in contact regarding tax increment financing law changes. Discussed the Bellevue proposal to increase the value limit to $500 million. Funds have been allocated by the Department of Commerce to facilitate discussion of those impacted by TIF. This will provide an opportunity to demonstrate and discuss that, yes, the junior taxing districts are impacted financially.

Commissioner Town advised the Port of Woodland's March 25 public briefing was well attended. The Cowlitz County Commissioners and the Cowlitz 1 Fire Chief oppose the proposal. The County passed a resolution to oppose the proposal. There was one Port Commissioner at the March 27 meeting. The room was packed. No one spoke in favor of the TIA. Any questions asked were referred to their website for answers. Advised that one of the three Port Commissioners is out due to illness. A motion to terminate the TIA plan died at the Port's April 3 meeting for lack of a second. Port Commissioner Rich stated he no longer supports the proposal. The City of Woodland passed a motion against the TIA plan at their April 7 meeting. The next Port public hearing on the TIA proposal is April 17 at 9:00 a.m. Anticipating a packed room. They advised there will not be a vote on the proposal at this meeting.

SURPLUS ASSET RESOLUTION NO. 250410-1
Motion by Commissioner Ayers to adopt Resolution No. 250410-1, a resolution placing Shop23 into surplus for disposition. Second Commissioner Bourke. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

LATE EDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
Commissioner Bartel asked if impact fees are still a priority of the District as we've been talking about it for two years and nothing has happened. Chief Nohr advised that County impact fees are still very much in process, but we were asked to wait until completion of the County's Comprehensive Plan which is to be completed in mid-2025. FD3 is taking the lead on coordinating all the District's proposals. Chief Nohr spoke with La Center Mayor Strobehn who is behind the idea and open to discussion. Chief Nohr also has had several meetings with Ridgefield City Manager Stuart and is continuing to work on it with the City. Reminder that the authorization to implement impact fees may only come from the cities or the counties. The City of Woodland is collecting impact fees, which go towards the St29 construction debt. Impact fees may only be used for capital facilities and large apparatus. Board consensus to continue pursuing impact fees.

CITIZEN COMMENTS
None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Moved to executive session 4:33 p.m. for a teleconference with legal counsel to discuss potential litigation. Anticipated length of session 30 minutes. Possible action following. Session extended 5 minutes at 5:02 p.m. Session extended 5 minutes at 5:10 p.m. Meeting resumed at 5:17 p.m.

Commissioner Bartel shared his opinion that CCFR has been the hardest hit by the TIAs. Advised that CCFR is looking at ways to alleviate the pain of tax increment financing.

No further discussion. Meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Attest, John Nohr
District Secretary/Fire Chief

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1. Minutes
   - Board Meeting – March 27
2. Prepaid Invoices
   - $ 90.00 (CCFR Fund 6228)
     i. EFT 747 paid March 27
   - $ 2,561.42 (CCFR Fund 6228)
     i. ACH Nos. 765 – 766 paid April 4
3. Current Invoices
   - $ 53,024.68 (CCFR Fund 6228)
     i. $ 2,463.14 EFT 918 paid April 10 (Ricoh USA)
     ii. $ 38,318.05 Chk Nos. 102891 – 102926 dated April 10
     iii. $ 12,243.49 ACH Nos. 945 – 948 to be paid April 11
4. Fund Transfers
   - None
5. Payroll
   - March 1 – 31 Payroll paid April 8
     i. $1,392,750.60 Gross Payroll
     ii. $ 923,469.61 Net Payroll ACH 676 – 874
     iii. $ 202,976.86 941 Tax Deposit EFT 875 paid April 8
   - March Payroll Benefits
     i. $ 430,859.32 Chk Nos. 22595 – 22603 dated April 7
     ii. $ 97,385.49 EFT 876 paid April 7
6. March Use Tax paid April 10
   - CCFR $ 2,974.64 EFT 886
7. Approved Commissioner Stipends

Month of March paid April 8						
Name	Board Meeting	Committee Meeting	Assn Meeting	Educ	Other	Total Paid
Ayers	2				2	**4**
Bartel	2	3			1	**6**
Bourke	2	3			1	**6**
Chunn	2	1			1	**4**
Town	2	7			2	**11**

8. CCFR Fund 6228 Voided/Destroyed Claims Warrants
   - None
9. FFFB Fund 6254 Voided/Destroyed Claims Warrants
   - None

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Commissioner Stanley Chunn – Chair

Commissioner David Town – Vice Chair

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RESOLUTION NO. 250410-1

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN DISTRICT PROPERTY SURPLUS TO THE NEEDS OF THE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the department currently owns apparatus that has outlived its useful life and is no longer needed; and

WHEREAS, following the introduction of new ambulances, this equipment is no longer required for backup service, rendering it redundant to current operational needs; and

WHEREAS, the identified vehicle is taking up needed storage space and will not be returned to service.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue Board of Commissioners to hereby declare the following item surplus to the needs of the district with direction to dispose of said property in the most effective and responsible manner possible.

2007 International MH025 Horton Ambulance
CCFR Designation: Shop 23
VIN: 4P1CT02M1YA000851

ADOPTED by the Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue Board of Commissioners in Ridgefield, Washington, at a regular meeting of said Board on the 10th day of April, 2025, the following Commissioners being present and voting.

Commissioner Stanley Chunn

Commissioner David Town

Commissioner Larry Bartel

Commissioner Ken Ayers

Commissioner Jade Bourke

Attest: District Secretary

Clark County
FIRE & RESCUE

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

Meeting Date
4/10/25

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 (KB) 1633	1635	Hrs	
Anticipated length of session	30	Mins	
Announcement of extended session	1702	Hrs	1710 hrs
Anticipated extended length of session	5	Mins	5 mins
Meeting resumed at (KB) 1717	1716	Hrs	

Action anticipated ○ YES ● NO

Reference RCW Chapter 42.30