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

July 10, 2025

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

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 Bourke to adopt the consent agenda as presented. Second Commissioner Bartel. Discussion. Purchase of Mobile Data Computers from Fastech – advised the will be an EMS District 2 fine fund grant to cover part of the purchase. Status of CityGate project. Lease payment for the CRR offices is partially covered by the CARES program revenues. Chief Nohr plans to revisit the cost share as the number of Fire Marshal personnel is now significantly less than those in the CARES program. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS
Commissioner Bartel complimented the district on good PR – saw a photo in The Reflector of one of our firefighters handing things out at the Ridgefield 4th of July event. Also expressed disappointment in the CityGate presentation last meeting. Had been expecting a recommendation, but only received a report on where we are currently. Urging them move ahead so we can locate a site for the new station.

CITIZEN COMMENTS
Ridgefield Council Member Katie Favella shared information on planned city improvements. They are looking at traffic management plans for the opening of the In-N-Out. The opening date is unknown. Discussed construction traffic issues.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Clark County Fire Risk Management Group
Met with WHA. Impressed with their presentation. Recapped items discussed at the meeting. Chief Nohr advised WHA will provide cost comparisons for the participants for individual policies verses retaining a group policy.

Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board
July 9 meeting rescheduled to July 23.

Finance Committee – Town/Bourke
No report.

Local BVFF – Chunn/Ayers
Met to today to review and approve the initial exam and treatment claim for the Fire Cadet MERTS training incident previously reported.

WFCA Region VIII – Bartel
Next meeting August 1-2 to discuss the WFCA strategic plan.

Cowlitz Indian Tribe – Contract Liaison Bartel/Bourke
Schedule to meet on July 21. Discussed agenda items. Plan to discuss the process for annual payment calculations.

EMS District 2 – Bourke
Next meeting July 14 at 2:30 p.m.

Port of Ridgefield
Commissioner Bartel summarized the Port's July 9 meeting. Information provided on wetland mitigation opportunities – there are credits available up for sale. Staff will investigate.

Commissioner Updates
None.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Nohr summarized the July 4 activities and incidents of note. The call volume on July 4 was double the normal daily average; similar to last year. Per the Port of Ridgefield, there were 13,000-16,000 at the Ridgefield parade with approximately 3,000 riders bused back and forth from Costco. There are 11 participants in this week's young women's fire camp. The white transport van for the CARES program is here and being outfitted. Another ambulance purchased for us by the Cowlitz Indian Tribe Foundation, is also being outfitted. Will not be staffed but used as the primary reserve unit or in cases of demand surge. The vehicle will be blessed by the Tribe on July 11. Recruits from the recently completed academy are now staffing rigs. One recruit recovering from surgery will be placed on light duty when approved. Will reschedule his training program when released to full duty. Email from Captain Bjur thanking FF Tone and Captain McIlmoil for assistance in getting the ambulance in service. This will allow Medic 29 to be available for mobilization deployments. Ridgefield Raptors game tonight at the RORC; it's First Responder Appreciation Night. CCFR Firefighter Isaiah Smith will be throwing the first pitch. Medic 26 and a Ridgefield police car will be on display. Received a proposal from PointNorth for public communications, annual report information, and PIO assistance. Will review and prepare for discussion at the next meeting. Reviewing availability of funding for facilitation of the strategic plan. Those funds were reallocated to the CityGate Standard of Cover project. Commissioner Bartel shared that WHA is providing this service to the WA Fire Commissioners at no charge. Chief Nohr will reach out. Discussed the training burn in La Center. The burn ban is in force. Discussed fire protection ratings and possible issues with some homeowners having difficulty getting homeowners insurance for properties in wildland interface areas. Chief Nohr will follow up with the WA Fire Chiefs to see how they may be addressing the issue. Labor negotiations update – next meeting with the BC unit is on July 22.

TAX INCREMENT AREAS – UPDATE

Discussed the scheduled meeting with stakeholders on both sides of TIF in Olympia on July 16 at 1:00 p.m. Expecting representation from AWC, WFC, WFCA, cities, ports, fire,

library, and hospital districts, legal counsel, and possibly some legislators. Chief Nohr, Commissioner Bartel, and Finance Manager Streissguth will attend. Goal to get the right people at the table to discuss the issue. Hoping to get a sense of what movement is out there and available options for mitigation or correction to the legislation. The results of the meeting will guide future decisions for all. Chief Nohr will have more information at the next meeting.

LATE EDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
Commissioner Bartel asked to be excused for the July 24 meeting – he will be out of town and may not be available. Will make an effort to attend virtually if there will be discussion on TIF.

CITIZEN COMMENTS
None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
None.

No further discussion. Meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Attest, John Nohr
Fire Chief / District Secretary

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CONSENT AGENDA
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1. Minutes
   - Board Meeting – June 26
2. Prepaid Invoices
   - $ 6,432.00 (CCFR Fund 6228)
     i. ACH Nos. 1705 – 1706 paid July 3
   - $ 15.00 (CCFR Fund 6228 – WA DOL)
     i. EFT 1818 paid July 3
3. Current Invoices
   - $ 229,460.60 (CCFR Fund 6228)
     i. $ 188,580.73 Chk Nos. 103117 – 103164 dated July 10
     ii. $ 2,882.59 EFT 1869 paid July 10
     iii. $ 37,997.28 ACH 1918 – 1927 to be paid July 11
4. Fund Transfers
   - $ 25,000.00 CCFR Fund 6228 to FFFB Fund 6254 (Q2-25 Ops)
5. Payroll
   - June 1 – 30 Payroll paid July 8
     i. $ 1,324,310.55 Gross Payroll
     ii. $ 872,525.11 Net Payroll ACH
     iii. $ 177,943.53 941 Tax Deposit EFT
   - June Payroll Benefits
     i. $ 447,168.80 Chk Nos. 22629 – 22637 dated July 7
     ii. $ 98,135.68 EFT 1819 paid July 8
6. June Use Tax paid July 10
   - $ 163.49 CCFR
7. Approved Commissioner Stipends

Month of May paid June 6						
Name	Board Meeting	Committee Meeting	Assn Meeting	Educ	Other	Total Paid
Ayers	2					2
Bartel	2	2				4
Bourke	2					2
Chunn	1					1
Town	2					2

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

Commissioner Stanley Chunn – Chair

Commissioner David Town – Vice Chair

Commissioner Larry Bartel

Commissioner Ken Ayers

Commissioner Jade Bourke