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

May 28, 2026

Present Attendees:
Commissioners David Town, Larry Bartel, Ken Ayers, and Jade Bourke.
Chief John Nohr, AC Eamonn Ryan, AC Mike Jackson. Finance Manager Brian Salsig, Finance Manager Kathy Streissguth. Recording Secretary Kaitlin Tester.

Commissioner Chunn excused.

Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Flag Salute.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY
Swearing in Ceremony of Captain Brian Shelton and Battalion Chief Josh Brooks.

CALL FOR LATE AGENDA ADDITIONS
None

CONSENT AGENDA
Motion by Commissioner Bourke, second by Commissioner Bartel to approve the consent agenda. Passed Unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS
None

COMMUNITY PARTNER REPORT
Councilmember Katie Favela from City of Ridgefield reports a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held June 1st at 5 PM for the Eastside Reservoir.

CITIZEN COMMENTS
None

STANDING COMMITTEES

Clark County Fire Risk Management Group
None

Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board
None

Finance Committee – Town/Bourke
Completed review of the 2025 annual report, will be submitted on May 29th 2026.

Local BVFF – Chunn/Ayers
None

WFCA Region VIII – Bartel
None

Cowlitz Indian Tribe – Contract Liaison Bartel/Bourke
None

EMS District 2 – Bourke
Next meeting July 13th

Port of Ridgefield
Commissioner Bartel attended annual corporation meeting on May 27th.

Commissioner Updates
Commissioner Bartel reports on Ridgefield Junction Annual meeting. Battalion Chief Leavitt did a very good job representing CCFR. Commissioner Bartel extended an invite to the county assessor and treasurer to hold a discussion regarding TIF.

CHIEF REPORT
AC Jackson reports high demand for the CARES follow-up team; there has been interest extended from CFD6 and VFD to further participation with the program. Working on the contract renewal with Carelon. Carelon is continuing to advocate with the Washington Health Care Authority. Fire Marshals office continues to see high demand. AC Jackson is continuing discussion with City of Woodland to assume building official services provided by CCFR with the addition of a position. Chief Nohr reports that the CARES team has been busy, with the expansion of the mental health response, the demand is continuing to increase across the county.

Chief Nohr extends an invite to the commissioners to attend the cadet banquet starting at 5:30 PM on May 29th at the Ridgefield Middle School, Planters Day on Saturday June 20th, Ridgefield 4th of July, end of July annual La Center Our Days. Chief Nohr reports station inspections have been completed at Station 21, 22, 23, and 29; all inspections went very well and is impressed with how well fire crews are taking care of the equipment and stations. Station 151 and 26 inspections will continue next week. Chief Nohr, AC Peeler, and AC Ryan attended Washington Fire Chiefs Conference in Wenatchee; classes held were very informational and well organized. Chief Nohr provided a TIF update to the attendees regarding how the changes will affect them.

PARTNER AGENCY UPDATES
Chief Nohr reports that there is an interest between Cowlitz 1 Board of Commissioners to host a collaboration meeting with CCFR Commissioners. Chief Nohr presents to host a meeting at CCFR before or after the Board Meetings.

CFD3 is hosting a public wildfire class, Chief Nohr will reach out to Chief Drone for details.

STRATEGIC PLANNING
Kaitlin Tester worked with Chrissy Chronert to compile all the items for Chief Nohr to review; the next step will be to seek a mix of internal staff to set goals utilizing the compiled items. Chief Nohr extends an invite to the Commissioners to be part of the goal setting group and requests if they are interested to notify him.

LATE ADDITIONS
None

CITIZEN COMMENTS
None

No further discussion. Meeting adjourned at 4:34 PM.

Attest, John Nohr
Fire Chief / District Secretary