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

June 11, 2026

Present Attendees:
Commissioners Stanley Chunn, David Town, Larry Bartel, Ken Ayers, and Jade Bourke. Chief John Nohr, AC Ben Peeler, AC Mike Jackson. Finance Manager Brian Salsig, Finance Manager Kathy Streissguth. HR Manager Kristen Olson. Recording Secretary Kaitlin Tester.

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

Flag Salute.

CALL FOR LATE AGENDA ADDITIONS
None

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

COMMUNICATIONS
Internal communication regarding a response from Captain Sutton, who provided lawn care services for a homeowner recently diagnosed with terminal illness. Thank you to Chasity and the CARES team for the assistance provided to the individuals and for recognizing Captain Sutton.

Commissioner Bartel received external communication from Port of Ridgefield Commissioner Hughes praising CCFR for the level of care provided to his wife.

COMMUNITY PARTNER REPORT
Councilmember Katie Favela from City of Ridgefield reported that the Eastside Elevated Water Reservoir is projected to be completed in 2027 and thanked AC Jackson for attending. Trend increasing in Ridgefield for in-home businesses. Legacy Medical Group is opening a primary care facility near Rosauers with a ribbon cutting ceremony being held on July 14th from 4-6 PM. Ridgefield Raptors First Responder night is on July 23rd.

CITIZEN COMMENTS
None

STANDING COMMITTEES

Clark County Fire Risk Management Group
None

Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board
None

Finance Committee – Town/Bourke
None

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 - Bartel
Port is receiving a large number of public comments; meetings will be moved to the evenings to support citizen access for input. Bus barn project is on hold due to cost. Next port project will be north of Clark College. Commissioner Bartel reported on the Bond Levy and the Boat House.

Commissioner Updates
Commissioner Town attended the Cadet Banquet and complimented the program. Commissioner Bartel adds that they received compliments from parents whose children participated in the program.

CHIEF REPORT
Chief Nohr reports that the boat house repairs are completed and it has been returned to its original location, the rescue boat will go in tomorrow. Several staff went to Wisconsin to complete final inspections on two new engines that were ordered in 2024. When delivered to CCFR, two rigs will go to surplus, and two rigs will move into reserve status. CFD6 intends to replace the engine at St. 151 and the engine currently there will go into CCFR reserve status. Chief Nohr comments on the need to get a ladder truck on order for future planning. County Medical Program Director commented on the 2025 year in review regarding the 16% Clark County Cardiac Arrest save rate, Chief Nohr commends the amount of training that is spent focusing on cardiac arrest response. Point North is working on 2025 Year in Review report, thank you to AC Peeler for working with CRESA and First Watch for coordinating updated numbers. Chief Nohr estimates the draft report will be completed by the July 9th Board Meeting. Chief Nohr commends training division for the successful Woodland house burn and appreciates Cowlitz FD 1 for their assistance. Kristen Olson provided an update regarding the LifeScan opportunity that the survey results show we have 45 interested parties, and CCFR is exploring opportunities to collaborate with partner agencies who may be interested in participating with us prior to scheduling the appointments.

AC Jackson reports moving forward with filling some vacancies within the CARES program, thank you to Kristen Olson for your assistance. Continuing discussion with City of Woodland regarding contract for a building services position. Participating in presentations with Carelon regarding the CARES program. Fire Marshals office is continuing to receive requests at a high volume.

PARTNER AGENCY UPDATES
Chief Nohr appreciates Commissioner Bartel putting Chief Nohr in contact with Commissioner Pietz regarding a joint meeting with Cowlitz 1 board. Holding until Chief Nohr receives confirmation from Commissioner Pietz that the Cowlitz 1 Board is available.

Chief Nohr is attending a meeting with the Chiefs of CFD3, CFD6, and VFD to discuss opportunities to regionalization of fire services and prevention within Clark County.

Commissioner Chunn reports that he is holding for additional information before attending Local452 RFA events.

STRATEGIC PLANNING
Chief Nohr is continuing to review and is inviting Chief Drake to attend the focus group. CCFR is still on target to finalize the strategic plan in September.

RESOLUTION NO. 202611-1 26 LTGO BOND DELEGATION
Discussion held between DA Davidson and Commissioners regarding bond details. Motion by Commissioner Bartel, seconded by Commissioner Ayers to approve the Bond Delegation. Passed unanimously.

LATE ADDITIONS
None

CITIZEN COMMENTS
None

No further discussion. Meeting adjourned at 5:04 PM.

Attest, John Nohr
Fire Chief / District Secretary