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

July 09, 2026

Present Attendees:
Commissioners Stanley Chunn, David Town, Larry Bartel, Ken Ayers.
Chief John Nohr, AC Ben Peeler, AC Eamonn Ryan, AC Mike Jackson. Finance Manager Brian Salsig. Recording Secretary Kaitlin Tester.

Commissioner Bourke excused

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

Flag Salute.

CALL FOR LATE AGENDA ADDITIONS
None

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

COMMUNICATIONS
Thank you from Life-Flight towards the crews for a complete patient workup and treatment in response to a vehicle accident on 6/22/26.

Member of the public traveling through CCFR jurisdiction sends a thank you to St. 22 for assisting with a flat tire.

COMMUNITY PARTNER REPORT
City of Ridgefield Council Member Katie Favela reports that the City of Ridgefield will apply for a grant for flashing lights at an intersection downtown, one-way implementation for 4th avenue is moving forward, new parking stripes downtown are being completed to add parking spots. Main Street Day downtown is 11:00-2:00 on Friday, July 10th. Police Chief interviews will be conducted July 20th, community members are invited to participate from 6:30-8, information will be sent to Chief Nohr for those interested in attending.

CITIZEN COMMENTS
None

WORKSHOP WITH COWLITZ 1 FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS
Workshop began at 1606

Cowlitz FD1 Commissioners Dean Boon, Dave Pietz, Bob Kofstad discuss collaboration opportunities with CCFR Commissioners Stanley Chunn, David Town, Larry Bartel, Ken Ayers, Chief Nohr, AC Peeler, AC Ryan, and AC Jackson.

Workshop closed at 1641

STANDING COMMITTEES

Clark County Fire Risk Management Group

Met Wednesday, July 8th and discussed liability in relation to AI; recommendation regarding use of AI is to run all language by legal counsel prior to implementation, CCFR insurance company is requesting to review all policies written in collaboration with AI. Continued discussion regarding timelines on work comp claims. Discussion regarding how insurance is rated and the expectation of increased fees.

Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board

Met Wednesday, July 8th. Estimate 141 calls within the month. Looking to address noise concerns between CCSO large conference room and firefighter kitchen.

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

Meeting July 13th

Port of Ridgefield - Bartel

Met Wednesday July 8th. Commissioner Bartel reported on bonds and the timeline of the two station builds.

Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Chunn reports that both he and Commissioner Bourke are traveling for the July 23rd meeting.

CHIEF UPDATES

Chief Nohr reports that July 4th staffing was bolstered with full staffing and an additionally staffed brush rig. CCFR had a high number of bark and grass fires, two house fires around 0300, with a threatened house fire around 0300. Chief Brooks was on duty BC and did a good job managing the scenes. An additional house fire happened at the same time and was able to manage resources to appropriately support both incidences. Raptors First Responder Night on July 23rd, CCFR will have a vehicle attending and throwing of first pitch. Clark County planning commission meeting regarding park impact fees and fire impact fees, Chief Nohr will forward details. Bond rating meeting was completed with a rating issued of AA-. Architect is wrapping up Station 29 designs, bid documents are anticipated to be issued around August 2026. Station 24 remains in predesign; sign is looking to be in place around August 2026, running around 6 months behind Station 29. Quarterly reports will be submitted to the Commissioners for July 23rd meeting.

AC Jackson reports a discussion with Kaiser for funding towards the CARES program, contract discussion continuing with Legacy, updates coming. Vancouver FD meeting with CCFR to discuss expansion into the CARES program.

PARTNER AGENCY UPDATES
Chief Nohr reports meeting with Chief Drake, and Chief Russel on Wednesday, July 8th to discuss regionalization opportunities, more information to come.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICY UPDATES
Finance policy motion by Town, second by Bartel, passed unanimously.

Debt policy motion by Town, second by Bartel, passed unanimously.

LATE ADDITIONS
None

CITIZEN COMMENTS
Commissioner Bartel extends an invitation to Cowlitz FD 1 to attend WFCA conference.

No further discussion. Meeting adjourned at 5:14 PM.

Attest, John Nohr
Fire Chief / District Secretary