



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

October 8th, 2026

Present Attendees:

Commissioners Stanley Chunn, David Town, Ken Ayers, Jade Bourke, Larry Bartel.
Chief John Nohr, AC Ben Peeler, AC Eamonn Ryan. Finance Manager Brian Salsig.

Recording Secretary Kaitlin Tester.

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

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➤ **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

- None

➤ **CALL FOR LATE AGENDA ADDITIONS**

- 2027 Ambulance Fees-Chief Peeler

➤ **CONSENT AGENDA**

- Commissioner Bartel motions to approves, Commissioner Bourke seconds. All in favor.

➤ **COMMUNICATIONS**

- No outside communications received

➤ **COMMUNITY PARTNER REPORT**

- **Councilwoman Katie Favela, City of Ridgefield**
 - 6-month moratorium on gas stations
 - Public hearing 10/8/26
 - Deputy City Manager interviews being held on Monday, October 12th

➤ **STANDING COMMITTEES**

- **Clark County Fire Risk Management Group**
 - None
- **Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board**
 - None
- **Finance Committee – Town/Bourke**
 - None
- **Local BVFF – Chunn/Ayers**
 - None
- **WFOA Region VIII – Bartel**
 - Meeting held on October 6th
 - Meeting went very well, and the presenters did a fantastic job.
- **Cowlitz Indian Tribe – Contract Liaison Bartel/Bourke**
 - None
- **EMS District 2 – Bourke**
 - Next meeting October 12th
- **Port of Ridgefield – Bartel**
 - None
- **Commissioner Updates**

- Commissioner Town requests date of next Port of Ridgefield Meeting, Commissioner Bartel communicates that it is 10/14.
- **CHIEF REPORT – CHIEF NOHR**
 - Several difficult calls received by the agency.
 - AAR will be scheduled to review responses to incidences.
 - Staff did a phenomenal job with all responses.
 - House fire resulted in collapsed roofs, no injuries.
 - House fire called in with potential entrapment
 - No entrapment.
 - Car accident in La Center resulted in fatality
 - Chief Nohr met with community member from CFD5 that is concerned with narrow streets and the impact narrow streets have on fire and EMS response.
 - St. 26 kitchen remodel is beginning
 - Chief Peeler and Captain Gratzner have been in development
 - 100 Davidson is ready for occupancy while St. 29 is under construction
 - Academy is going very well; recruits are doing well in their training.
 - Adjusting to bi-weekly payroll in December
 - Union is going to survey members for feedback.
 - Chief Leavitt is off due to medical, anticipating light duty return by end of October.
 - EMS fees related to TIF
 - CCFR legal representative does not recommend moving forward.
 - Councilwoman Katie Favela for City of Ridgefield is one of three finalists for Vancouver Chamber's 2026 Statesperson of the Year Award.
 - Chief Nohr will attend ribbon cutting ceremony for new Sunset Ridge Elementary School on October 15th at 4:00 PM.
 - Dedication & ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 5:30.
- **PARTNER AGENCY UPDATES**
 - CFD3 Commissioner Meeting needs to be rescheduled for November
 - Commissioners request November 24th at 6 PM at Fire Station 31.
 - Ridgefield School District has requested community members and agency representatives to attend quarterly lunch meetings to discuss school district developments and provide feedback.
 - Chief Nohr attended meeting last week. Next meeting is on January 27th.
- **STRATEGIC PLANNING**
 - Five primary goals have been determined and are with division heads to continue developing follow-up goals.
 - Chief Nohr is going to attend CRESA strategic planning and Port of Woodland strategic planning meeting
 - Chief Nohr invites Commissioners to attend planning meeting for Port of Woodland on Monday October 19th 1-3 PM.
- **CONSTRUCTION UPDATES –NIK SERNANDE**
 - Nik visited all sites and asses where all projects are at.
 - Creating dashboard to track current projects and develop 10-to-20-year facility improvements.
- **CANCELANATION OF OCTOBER 22ND BOARD MEETING**
 - Cancelation due to WFCA Conference in Spokane.
 - Commissioner Bourke motions to approve, Commissioner Ayers seconds. All in favor.

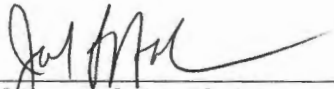
➤ **LATE ADDITIONS**

- Chiefs Annual Review
 - Chief Peeler requests a meeting with Commissioner Chunn to review the intent of 360-review.
 - Chief Nohr requests the policy and procedure is developed by end of 2026.
 - Board in favor of holding on Chiefs Review until procedure is developed
- 2027 Ambulance Fees-Chief Peeler
 - Commissioners review and discuss the staff report for 2027 ambulance fees.
 - Commissioner Bourke motions for CCFR to mirror EMS district 2 rates, Commissioner Bartel seconds. All in favor.

➤ **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

- None

Meeting Adjourned 4:51



Attest, John Nohr
Fire Chief / District Secretary