

Special Meeting of Fire District 3 and CCF&R Boards of Commissioners

March 1, 2017
17718 NE 159th Street
Brush Prairie, WA 98606

Present for Fire District 3: Commissioner Couture, Commissioner Deleissegues, Commissioner Heidrick, Chief Wrightson, Assistant Chief Sorenson

Present for CCF&R: Commissioner Kolke, Commissioner Bartel, Commissioner Lester, Commissioner Town, Commissioner Chunn, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Ayers, Chief Nohr, Division Chief Jackson, Division Chief Yager

Meeting called to order at 6:13 PM by Commissioner Couture, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present introduced themselves and assignments.

Chief Wrightson and Chief Nohr each gave an overview of their respective organizations, including station locations, apparatus, staffing, and special equipment. District websites were used for reference. Commissioner Deleissegues and Chief Nohr commented on how similar the departments are in staffing, stations, personnel, and services provided. Chief Nohr commented on how the Charter Oak area is currently not seeing the level of service he would like it to receive. Chief Nohr and Chief Wrightson to look at possible staffing scenarios.

Assistant Chief Sorenson and Division Chief Jackson presented information on how the Battalion Chiefs from both districts met in early January to develop ways to pass information back and forth efficiently. The BCs now conduct a phone call each morning to discuss staffing, drills, and other information that may be pertinent to each entity.

Chief Wrightson spoke about the current recruitment for a Fire Marshal/Building Inspector. The position will be jointly funded by District 3 and the City of Battleground. He presented a copy of the proposed position and necessary qualifications. Chief Nohr noted that CCF&R may be interested utilizing this person in certain situations that require advanced fire prevention knowledge and experience. Chief Nohr and Chief Wrightson to further discuss the feasibility of this.

Chief Nohr and Chief Wrightson discussed the possible levy lid lift campaigns being considered by the districts. CCF&R is holding two public meetings, one in March and one in April, to seek input on the proposed lid lift. If the Board of Commissioners approves, CCF&R will put it before the public on the August election. Chief Wrightson noted that District 3 is in a similar position and will be looking at putting a lid lift before the voters later in 2017.

Chief Wrightson spoke about the need to purchase a ladder truck. It will help maintain an appropriate WSRB rating. Chief Nohr commented that CCF&R utilizes a ladder truck in its operations and supports the staffing of the unit. Chief Nohr mentioned that a

ladder truck is a very expensive investment. Chief Wrightson and Chief Nohr to explore ladder truck staffing.

Chief Wrightson stated that District 3 will be purchasing a new water tender this year to replace a very old unit. The group discussed how vital tenders are in our respective non-hydranted areas.

Chief Nohr briefed the group on the new ilani Resort and progress towards opening. CCF&R will attempt to get District 3 and other jurisdictions through the resort as the opening date nears. Commissioner Deleissegues commented that fire districts need to be active participants in the community planning process. Without active involvement, planners are likely to introduce narrow roads, high density, and other items that will make it difficult to suppress a fire or respond to other emergencies. The group thanked Commissioner Deleissegues for his insight and advice.

Meeting adjourned by Commissioner Couture at 7:35 PM