



Clark County Fire & Rescue Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2019

Present: Commissioners Bob Johnson, Larry Bartel, Dave Lester, David Town, Ken Ayers. Chief John Nohr. Division Chiefs Dan Yager and Ben Peeler. Recording Secretary Kathy Streissguth.

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Johnson at 4:00 p.m.

CALL FOR LATE AGENDA ADDITIONS

Commissioner Chunn excused.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Bartel to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second Commissioner Town. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Thank you email from Volunteer Justin Gordon for the memorial service floral arrangement. Thank you note from the Bartel family for the memorial service floral arrangement. Thank you email from Clark 3 Chief Sorenson for the two units provided for coverage during the Stewart family memorial service.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Clark County Risk Management Group

No meeting. No report.

Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board

No meeting. No report.

Finance Committee

No meeting. No report.

Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Johnson reported he attended the County Wide Chaplaincy dinner on April 23. He also attended the marine division donor recognition event, which went very well.

STAFF REPORTS

Admin Services

Chief Yager summarized the March Admin Services. Brief discussion on the Amazon Smile donation program. Not a large amount of money received, but every little bit helps.

Operations

DVC Peeler summarized the March Operations report. Recapped significant calls. Discussed workforce planning and the need for succession planning based

on the number of personnel who will be eligible for retirement in the next five years.

Community Risk Reduction

DVC Jackson is on vacation. He attended the FDIC conference in Indianapolis last week. No report at this time. Chief Nohr advised he is quite busy with all the plans review activity and is working on the implementation of the plans review software purchased last month.

District Secretary/Chief

Chief Nohr reiterated the success of the marine donor recognition event on April 18. Discussed the exceptional relationship we have with the Cowlitz Tribe and the ilani Resort, which provided the food for the marine event at no charge. The generous donation was much appreciated. Noted that the tribe's new gas station and convenience store is now open.

The department participated in the overpass staging for the Cowlitz Deputy Derosier processions on both April 15 and April 24. Crews staged on the 199th Street, Carty Road, Pioneer Street and La Center (319th) overpasses. Coverage during the funeral was also provided to Cowlitz Fire Districts 1 and 5.

No word yet on our SAFER or AFG applications. As yet, no awards have been made to anyone.

Discussed the School District land purchase agreement. The contract has been signed by all parties. Finalizing the sale is in the hands of the title company, which will complete the necessary paperwork. Kathy will cut a check once we get the word. Commissioner Bartel asked if the school district has signed off on the landscaping. Who is responsible for taking care of it? There are dying plants, tall grass, and it's full of weeds. Discussion. DVC Yager will follow up.

Chief Nohr advised that the District's architect, Karl Johansson of Johansson Architecture will present schematics and the steps to be taken for the new station.

The federal grant awarded to the Cowlitz Tribe for a new fire engine has finally been approved and funds are now available. The engine may be ordered. The Spec Committee is finalizing everything necessary to place an order. The Tribe will retain ownership of the engine, which will be on loan to CCF&R for its useful life. CCF&R will be responsible for the cost of maintenance. Legal counsel is developing the contract. There is a Spec Committee meeting scheduled on Monday, April 29. Participants are DVCs Yager and Peeler, Captains Galster and Granato, and Volunteer Steve Streissguth. The vendor advised the build timeline is 435 days. A second engine will not be ordered at this time. Chief Nohr advised he is waiting until we receive word on the SCBA grant, which will have a significant impact on available capital funds. If the grant is awarded, we will purchase an engine. Chief Nohr shared a comment made by Cowlitz Tribal representative Phil Harju that with the Resort adding the hotel, the Tribe will probably need to buy us a ladder truck. All joking aside, CCF&R is in need of a new truck.

Chief Nohr recapped a significant vehicle crash that occurred this past week. It was a difficult call and the crews – once again – did an excellent job.

Advised that the Local BVFF committee met prior to the meeting and approved pension benefits for a former volunteer.

Chief Nohr will be out of town chaperoning for the Cadet Washington DC/New York field trip next week. DVC Peeler will be acting chief.

HAYES ROAD PROPERTY

Discussed the need to retain the Hayes Road site. The property was recently appraised at \$170K. The appraisal for the current Station 24 site (downtown Ridgefield) was completed last year. Chief Nohr advised that once the school district property purchase is finalized, then we should look at the sale of Station 24. The crews would move to Station 21. Executive sessions are needed to set the minimum price for any property sale. Commissioner Town asked if the Hayes Road property is strategically located. Chief Nohr advised that no, it is not really in a good location. Commissioners Ayer and Lester (former Clark 2 Commissioners) agreed that there really is no use for the property. Commissioner Bartel recommended moving forward with the sale of Hayes Road and to hold off on the sale of Station 24 until the replacement site purchase is finalized. A resolution authorizing the sale of Hayes Road will be prepared for the May 9 meeting.

OLD BUSINES

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

LATE EDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

VOLUNTEER SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Former student interns Daniel Passera and Brenton Walker have transitioned to volunteers and were sworn in by Chief Nohr. Both are actively pursuing full time employment with numerous departments. Walker advised he is waiting to hear back from Snohomish 7. The new volunteers were congratulated and welcomed to CCF&R.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

No further discussion. Meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.



Attest, John Nohr
Fire Chief/District Secretary



CLARK COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE CONSENT AGENDA April 25, 2019

1. Minutes – April 11 General Meeting
2. Pre-paid Invoices
 - None
3. Current Invoices
 - \$ 46,721.36 (CCFR)
 - i. Check Nos. 19287 – 19305
 - \$ 575.30 (FFFB)
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4. Approved Commissioner Stipends Payable April 30

Name	Regular Meeting	For the Period			Educ	Other	Total
		Committee Meeting	Assn Meeting	March 16 thru April 15			
Ayers	2					2	
Bartel	2					2	
Chunn	2					2	
Johnson	2					2	
Lester	1					1	
Town	2					2	

5. Payroll
6. Voided/Destroyed Claims/Payroll Warrants
 - None

Commissioner Stanley Chunn – Chair

Commissioner James R Johnson – Vice Chair

Commissioner Larry Bartel

Commissioner Ken Ayers

Commissioner David Town

Commissioner David Lester