

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

The meeting convened at 3:30 pm at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present at Station 40 were Chairman Les Riel, Vice-Chairman Tyler Brandt, Commissioner Ben St. Mary, Fire Chief Ray Lamoureux, Fire Chief Dale Hille and his wife Paula Hille, District Secretary Katelynn Roberts, Administrative Assistant Morgan Frost, Captain Ryan Evers, and Firefighters Kevin Durand, Collyn Stafford and Volunteer Firefighter Diego Esquivel. Those attending via zoom were Captain Trevor Lenseigne, Lieutenants Blake Reeves, Lieutenant CJ Erickson. The Department's Labor Attorney, Sofia Mabee, joined the executive session via zoom.

Chairman Riel called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Riel lead in the pledge of allegiance.

**LIMITED OPEN PUBLIC INPUT** for items NOT on the Agenda – Public comment for items that are on the agenda are allowed as the item comes up for discussion during the meeting.

Chairman Riel noted there was no public input at this time.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Riel asked that unfinished business be moved to be discussed before new business and that the MOU for daylight savings to be moved for discussion in the executive session. Commissioner Brandt made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, Commissioner St. Mary seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

- September 06, 2024 Payroll

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES - None**

**CLAIMS REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL**

Claims Requests FIRE	\$	68,231.30
Claims Requests EMS	\$	<u>2,452.16</u>
<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>70,683.46</b>

**CORRESPONDANCE**

- Labor & Industries Check Submission - Hille

**CHIEF'S REPORT – Attached**

Executive Session 42.30.110 (d) To review negotiations on the performance of publicly bid contracts when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased costs.

Chairman Riel commenced the executive session at 3:53 pm and asked for 30 minutes to start. Those present were the board, FC Lamoureux, Attorney Sophia Maybe, DS Roberts and AA Frost until 4:23 pm. At 4:23 pm Chairman Riel Closed the executive Session.

Executive Session - RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g) To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.30.140(4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public.

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At 4:23 pm Commissioner Brandt asked that FC Hille and his wife Paula Hille enter this executive session with him and Attorney Sophia Maybe only until 4:30 pm. At 4:30 pm the board requested FC Hille and his wife Paula Hille remain in the executive session and bring in all 3 board members until 4:50 pm. At 4:50 pm Commissioner Brandt ended the executive session. The regular BOC meeting reconvened at 4:50 pm.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- MOU – Daylight Savings

Chairman Riel made a motion to approve the MOU for daylight savings. Commissioner Brandt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- PPE Surplus

FC Lamoureux informed the board that the department has out of compliance bunker gear that he would like to use as training for new recruits and after 5 years, the department will surplus that gear. Chairman Riel made the motion to surplus the out of compliance gear when the gear expires. Commissioner Brandt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Ostrea – Cypress Energy Contract

The 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the Ostrea Solar Panel project is underway and the department is looking to settle on a yearly payment amount for fire protection. FC Lamoureux suggested \$1,200.00 a year but the board does not agree as it is a lot of land to cover. Chairman Riel would like to renegotiate the price. If Ostrea disagrees, they can go with coverage from District 5 instead. Commissioner Brandt made a motion to request a minimum of \$10,000.00 a year from Ostrea for fire protection from District 4. Commissioner St. Mary seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- New Firefighter Positions

FC Lamoureux is looking for direction from the board on when to move forward with recruiting and testing for 3 new firefighter / EMT positions. Chairman Riel has requested to wait to discuss further, until after the City Council meeting in Yakima regarding the annexation proposal on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024. It will be at that time when FC Lamoureux can start establishing a list of recruits.

- Water Tender

The department is looking to purchase a new tactical tender. FC Lamoureux informed the board that the estimate he received after the build from start to finish would be approximately \$408,000.00 and the department would need to go out to bid for a specific build. The department is looking for a military grade build that will hold up to 2,800 gallons of water and would be able to take on the offroad environments better than the tenders the department has now. Chairman Riel made a motion to move forward with working with Acela, Inc. on building a tactical tender for Station 40. Commissioner St. Mary seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Resolution 2024-06 in the matter of XFERING \$37,701.50 from CP to FIRE

Commissioner Brandt made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-06. Commissioner St. Mary seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Kept on Salary Discussion – Hille

The topic of keeping FC Hille on salary was discussed in the executive session and will be determined at a later time.

- Deputy Fire Chief Recruiting Document

Chairman Riel made a motion to approve the Deputy Chief Recruiting document with a starting salary range of \$116k - \$125k a year and for it to be sent out after September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Commissioner Brandt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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- Service Agreement for Chief to Sign – ST41 Appraisal

Commissioner St. Mary made a motion to approve the Station 41 property to be appraised by Davis Commercial Appraisal. Commissioner Brandt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Chairman Riel informed everyone that there is nothing to report on the commissioner side at this time.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

FC Lamoureux informed the board that the new American Medical Response contract will be going into effect on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:00 am.

FC Lamoureux also informed the board that after talking to West Valley Deputy Fire Chief DJ Goldsmith he has learned that rates have gone up per call with Lower Valley Dispatch. This puts departments at \$66.00 per call versus Suncomm being \$54.00 per call.

FC Lamoureux will be hosting the first Coffee with the Fire Chief on Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at C&S Coffeehouse in Terrace Heights at 9:00 am.

The department had 5 volunteer recruits pass the physical agility test and there will be 6 more starting the process soon. Lower Valley will also be adding 5 of their own to this upcoming recruit class.

**SIGNING OF DISTRICT DOCUMENTS**

Due to more than one Commissioner attending the meeting in person, documents will be held for signatures after the meeting.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING** – Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 at 3:30 pm.

**NEXT SPECIAL MEETING** – Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 9:00 am and will be held at the Terrace Heights Civic Center.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business Chairman Riel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:04 pm. Commissioner St. Mary seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm.

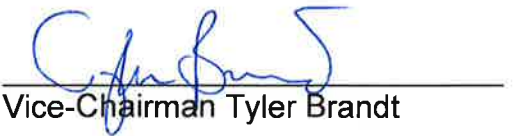


Chairman Les Riel



Commissioner Ben St. Mary

Attest:



Vice-Chairman Tyler Brandt



District Secretary Katelynn M. Roberts