

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 26th, 2026**

The meeting convened at 3:30 pm at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present at Station 40 were Chairman Tyler Brandt, Vice-Chairman Ben St. Mary, Commissioner Les Riel, Fire Chief Ray Lamoureux, Deputy Chief Chris Munson, District Secretary Katelynn Roberts, City of Moxee Mayor Leroy Lenseigne, Lieutenants Chris Robillard and Kyle Knapp, Firefighters Josh Centenari, Morgan Rodriguez, Fletcher Larson, and Luke Vickers. Administrative Assistant Morgan Frost had an excused absence.

Chairman Brandt 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.

City of Moxee Mayor Leroy Lenseigne wanted to thank the department for their hard work on the structure fire and explosion in Moxee.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner St. Mary made a motion to approve the agenda as circulated. Chairman Riel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

SECRETARY'S REPORT - None

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES - None

CLAIMS REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL

Claims Requests Fire	\$	75,322.07
Claims Requests EMS	\$	<u>26,647.24</u>
Total Claims	\$	101,979.31

CORRESPONDANCE – None

CHIEF'S REPORT – None

Commissioner St. Mary made a motion to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Commissioner Riel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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.

Chairman Riel called the executive meeting to order at 3:33 pm with 15 minutes to start and for both Chiefs and the board to attend. After 15 minutes Chairman Riel ended the executive session and the regular meeting reconvened at 3:49 pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Approval of Union Gap MOU

Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve the Union Gap MOU with the IAFF Local 469. Commissioner St. Mary seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Approval of Station 41 Mural – EVCEA

The EVCEA is wanting to add lights to the mural as well. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on April 18th. Chairman Riel made a motion to approve the Moxee mural. Commissioner St. Mary seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Strategic Plan 2026-2031

Commissioner St. Mary would like to investigate the BLS transport program more and is pushing it to the 2027/2028 year.

NEW BUSINESS

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- Policy 01.02.05 – Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Board of Fire Commissioners

Chairman Riel made a motion to elect Commissioner Brandt as the Chair of the Board of Commissioners, and Commissioner St. Mary as the Vice-Chair of the Board of commissioners. Commissioner Brandt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Riel updated everyone with news of Victoria Pettis taking a new position at the WFCA. Commissioner Riel will also be attending the legislative days on Thursday the 29th of January. Healthcare is up 15% for premium payments. In 2025 the WFCA lost about \$10 million in healthcare benefits from the reserves. The WFCA didn't lose any departments but gained a few smaller ones.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

FC Lamoureux informed the board that the training center should be up and running by the middle of February. The ladder truck will also be delivered by the second week in February.

February 19th – 21st FC Lamoureux and LT. CJ Erickson will be flying to Montana to finalize the tactical tender.

Rich Brumley is the new City of Moxee Administrator.

The department is down 6% in call volume from 2024-2025 and Union Gap is up 7% so far with Station 43 being taken over.

The Highland Fire Department will be hosting the quarterly commissioner dinner meeting on February 19th, 2026.

Dc Munson and Volunteer FF. Jeff Taylor are organizing a department awards banquet for February 28th, 2026 at the church in Moxee.

SIGNING OF DISTRICT DOCUMENTS

Due to all Commissioners attending the meeting in person, documents will be held for signatures after the meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Monday, February 9th, 2026 at 3:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business Commissioner Riel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:26 pm. Chairman Brandt seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:26 pm.



Chairman Tyler Brandt



Commissioner Les Riel



Vice-Chairman Ben St. Mary

Attest:



District Secretary Katelynn M. Roberts