

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 26th, 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 Dale Hille, Deputy Fire Chief Ray Lamoureux and Administrative Assistant Morgan Frost. District Secretary Katelynn Roberts attended 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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Fund Balances as of January 31st, 2024

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- February 12th, 2024 BOC Meeting Minutes

CLAIMS REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL

Claims Requests FIRE	\$	26,028.81
Claims Requests EMS	\$	<u>541.35</u>
Total Claims	\$	26,570.19

CORRESPONDANCE - None

CHIEF'S REPORT – Attached

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Levy Lid Lift

FC Hille informed the board he will have more information when he is back from vacation on March 12th, 2024.

- Annexation

FC Hille informed the board there is no new information regarding the threat of an annexation.

- Action/Decision Request 2024-01 – Career and Volunteer Participation in Fire Prevention Activities

Commissioner St. Mary made a motion to approve Action/Decision Request 2024-01. Commissioner Brandt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Updated Commissioner Photos for Website and Department IDs
- FDIC

The department had an opportunity to send one career firefighter and one officer to the FDIC in Indianapolis April 21st – April 25th and after random drawing, FF Fletcher Larson and Captain Ryan Evers will be attending. CPT Evers will attend a hands-on training class including extrication training.

NEW BUSINESS

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FC Hille informed the board that he was approached by the East Valley Community Enhancement Association is using Station 41 in Moxee to prep for their Easter Parade and Easter egg hunt. They would need the space in the office area of the station for a few nights a week from now until March 30th, 2024. The board does not mind the use of Station 41 with a signed form for use.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Chairman Riel reminded everyone that the WFCA Spring Series Conference is this Saturday March 2nd, 2024 in Spokane, WA. Chairman Riel, Commissioner Brandt, DC Lamoureux, DS Roberts and AA Frost will be attending. FC Hille and Commissioner St, Mary will attend the same conference at a later date in Tulalip, WA. Commissioner Brandt also informed everyone that the communications committee is looking for an assistant to help them part-time. Commissioner Brandt said he would gather more information and stay in touch.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- FC Hille informed the board that he applied the department for the Yakima Cares Grant through Yakima Legends Casino. The grant is \$16,000 and would go toward a quantitative filter to test SCBA masks and for the maintenance.
- DC Lamoureux informed the board that he also has applied for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to go toward getting an extractor for Station 42 and training to get all career personnel to Fire Officer 2.
- The SAFER Grant will open in March and FC Hille plans on applying for it again in hopes of hiring 3 more career firefighters in 2024.
- The department has purchased an ice machine and ice box for Station 42 from Coca Cola in Yakima. It is installed and running.
- FC Hille also sat in on a meeting with Patty Murray's assistant regarding why departments like ours with full-time career staff aren't receiving the grants they are applying for and why they're being awarded to smaller departments with no full-time staff.

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, March 11th, 2024 at 3:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business Commissioner St. Mary made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:07 pm. Commissioner Brandt seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:07 pm.



Chairman Les Riel



Commissioner Ben St. Mary

Attest:

Excused Absence
Vice-Chairman Tyler Brandt

Katelynn Roberts
District Secretary Katelynn M. Roberts