

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 08th, 2023**

The meeting convened at 3:30 pm at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present at Station 40 were, Chairman Ben St. Mary, Commissioner Ramynke, Deputy Fire Chief Ray Lamoureux District Secretary Katelynn Hogan, Captain Trevor Lenseigne, Firefighter Fletcher Larson; via Zoom was Commissioner Les Riel and Fire Chief Dale Hille.

Chairman St. Mary called the meeting to order at 1530.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioners St. Mary 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.

Commissioner St. Mary noted there was no public input at this time.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- April 30, 2023 2nd Quarterly Taxes
- May 5th, 2023 Payroll

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- April 24th, 2023 BOC Meeting Minutes

CLAIMS REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL

Claims Requests Fire	\$	29,437.09
Claims Requests EMS	\$	<u>2,995.81</u>
Total Claims	\$	32,432.90

CHIEF'S REPORT - Attached

Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Commissioner St. Mary 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.

Commissioner St. Mary informed all who were in attendance that only the commissioners would attend the executive session starting at 3:31 to 3:41 and would let all else know if they needed additional time. The meeting was extended to 3:51 and then again to 3:58 but also to include both Fire Chiefs and the District Secretary. At 3:58 the Executive session ended and the regular board meeting continued. Commissioner St. Mary Scheduled a follow up Special Meeting with the Board and Fire Chiefs on May 30th, 2023 at 1500.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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- Annexation

FC Hille set up a meeting with Attorney Seth Otto from Maul Foster and Alongi, Commissioner Riel, himself and the DC Lamoureux on May 26th at 1000, to discuss scope of work and services offered to determine if the district would like additional assistance with the annexation threat.

NEW BUSINESS

FC Hille informed the board that due to his injury he will be out all this week until he has an update from his doctor's appointment Thursday May 11th, he will update the board with any changes.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Riel spoke with DS Hogan who is going to reach out to Commissioner Ken Eakin from District 12 to see if he can send a reminder to all the contacts for the Yakima County Fire Commissioner Dinner Meeting to remind them to RSVP for the dinner meeting on May 18th, 2023.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

DC Lamoureux informed the board that there are four summer help candidates; interviews will be May 17th starting at 1500.

Commissioner Ramynke asked the Chiefs if they will investigate with senior members of the district to try and see if the PFAS foam chemical has ever been used or involved in the district.

SIGNING OF DISTRICT DOCUMENTS

Due to the Commissioners attending in person and remotely the documents will be held for signature after the meeting and at a later date for those who attended via zoom.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Monday, May 22th, 2023 at 3:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business Commissioner Riel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:18. Commissioner Ramynke seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:18.



Chairman Ben St. Mary



Commissioner David Ramynke



Vice-Chairman Les Riel

Attest:


District Secretary Katelynn Hogan