

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 9th, 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 Les Riel, Commissioner David Ramynke, Fire Chief Dale Hille, Deputy Fire Chief Ray Lamoureux and District Secretary Katelynn Hogan.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioners St. Mary lead 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 in attendance at this time. Later Mark Thornsberry made an appearance to introduce himself. He is the new executive director for Yakima regional clean air authority. The only discussion of importance would be for lowering the particulate matter standards. If Yakima is out of the new standard Mark stated he will be reaching out more. Commissioner Ramynke asked what our responsibility as a Fire District would be. Mark stated there is nothing the fire district can do directly but we can educate the public on fire safety. FC Hille stated the county Fire Chiefs have instated burn bands in the past but Yakima Clean air hasn't displayed the best cooperation supporting these bands. Mark explained he is trying to update their technology to better support the burn bands that the county fire chiefs implement, bettering the fire control on burn bands in the area..

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Commissioner Ramynke seconded. Motion Carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- January 6th, 2022 Payroll

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES - None

CLAIMS REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL

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| Claims Requests Fire | \$ | 99,157.76 |
| Claims Requests EMS | \$ | <u>2,573.62</u> |
| Total Claims | \$ | 101,731.38 |

CORRESPONDENCE

- Lou Sowers Psych Eval – Notice of Rate Increase effective January 01, 2023

CHIEF'S REPORT – Attached

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FC Hille will be attending Yakima County Commissioners study session for Terrace Heights Annexation topic on January 17th, 2023.

FC Hille learned that the Levy Lid Lift cannot be ran in 2023. It can only be ran 12 months or less before the current levy lid lift expires which is December of 2024. FC Hille spoke with Jacob Tate from Yakima County Assessor's office and the soonest the district could run a levy lid lift would be February of 2024.

FC Hille will also be attending the energy council meeting the evening of January 12th, 2023; where the solar farms will be discussed.

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Commissioner Riel recommended FC Hille reach out to Kittitas Fire to consult on no man's land solar farms.

NEW BUSINESS - None

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Riel attending WFCA executive board meeting January 11th, 2023 via zoom where the agenda will be set up for the WFCA board meeting on January 21st, 2023.

Commissioner Riel informed that on February 23rd, 2023 will be the next quarterly YCFCA Dinner Meeting at Naches Heights; they're still looking for speaker.

Commissioner Ramynke stated Vander Houwen reassured the Communications Committee is very close to getting their grant approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FC Hille and DC Lamoureux met with Chief and Deputy Fire Chief of Yakima Fire to discuss operational issues and asked directional questions. After, they met with the Yakima County grant writer to talk about funding for a training center which she stated is willing to help with. They then met with Moxee City Police Chief Burkett and talked about the direction the City of Moxee is moving. FC Hille was informed Weavers Marijuana company will be closing.

FC Hille will be setting up a strategic planning meeting for March.

FC Hille is working on the DNR contract as well.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Commissioner Ramynke asked to add an executive session for the next BOC meeting for administration staffs annual reviews.

DC Lamoureux commented that he is happy with his new position and is working towards getting up to speed with the district.

DC Lamoureux has submitted the AFG Grant for training purposes and its down from \$13,700 to \$12,500 as far as matching goes. Which will bring everyone in the department up to fire officer 2, a quantitative fit tester for SCBA's and an extractor for Station 42.

SIGNING OF DISTRICT DOCUMENTS

Due to the Commissioners attending in person the documents will be held for signature after the meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Monday, January 23rd, 2023 at 3:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business Commissioner Riel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Ramynke seconded. The Meeting adjourned at 4:19.



Chairman Ben St. Mary



Commissioner David Ramynke

Excused Absence

Vice-Chairman Les Riel

Attest:


District Secretary Katelynn Hogan