

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

The meeting will be held at 3:30 pm at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present at Station 40 were Vice-Chairman Ben St. Mary, Commissioner Les Riel, Fire Chief Ray Lamoureux, Deputy Chief Chris Munson, Administrative Assistant Morgan Frost, a representative from Patnode Farms, Lieutenants Chris Robillard and Kyle Knapp, and Firefighters Luke Vickers, Zach Feist, Fletcher Larson and Kyler Vanicek. Chairman Tyler Brandt and District Secretary Kaydee Roberts both attended via zoom.

Vice-Chairman St. Mary called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chairman 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.

ANNEXATION PUBLIC HEARING

Vice-Chairman St. Mary opened the annexation public hearing at 3:35 pm to public comment. FC Lamoureux informed the board that some property owners still haven't responded to the annexation letters. The department needed 60% and reached it in late March. Once the board accepts the petition, the citizens can approve or deny. The representative from Patnode Farms had a concern about the possibility of opening up the old volunteer station on highway 24 for farmers volunteer response on big fires. The board is still discussing and will revisit when they talk to the company the department leases the building from.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Riel made a request to move the executive session to the end of the meeting. Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Vice-Chairman St. Mary seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

**SECRETARY'S REPORT - None
PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

- April 27th, 2026 Regular BOC Meeting Minutes

CLAIMS REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL

Claims Requests Fire	\$ 61,401.62
Claims Requests EMS	\$ 0.00
Total Claims	\$ 61,401.62

**CORRESPONDANCE - None
CHIEF'S REPORT – Attached**

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

NEW BUSINESS

- Resolution 2026-07 Resolution Providing for Annexation

Vice-Chairman St. Mary made a motion to approve resolution 2026-07. Chairman Brandt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Approving Annexation

Vice-Chairman St. Mary made a motion to approve resolution 2026-07 for the annexation of no-mans-land. Chairman Brandt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Liability Wavier for Hydrant Flushing

DC Munson informed the board that if they're using a hydrant and flood someone's basement that are on private water systems, that the blame wouldn't be on the department. The department will bag them if they aren't in use. Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve the liability waiver for private water systems. Wice-Chairman St. Mary seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Riel informed everyone that Tori Pettis will be speaking on the 21st at the commissioner's dinner.

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GENERAL DISCUSSION

FC Lamoureux informed the board that the summer help firefighters will start June 1st and will work until August. The Chief's conference went well, and the department would like the PTSD/mental health speaker to come to Yakima. FC Lamoureux will add the building proposals to the budget meeting. BC Ryan Evers started inspections in Moxee. Chairman Brandt would like for one Chief at a time to be away from the district at conferences, vacations, etc. especially during fire season. DC Munson informed the board that 5 out of the 8 recruits passed the hazmat, and those who did not will be retaking it. Jun 13th, 2026 at 5:00 pm will be the recruit graduation. The department will have joint training with the Yakima Training Center in the training tower at station 40. Engine 40 is out of service, and it has been about a month. There is a coolant leak and a broken leaf spring. A majority of the career personnel have gone through the ladder 40 EVIP concourse. Rosebauer will also be coming out for a training on the ladder.

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.

At 4:02 pm Vice-Chairman St. Mary called the executive session to order and asked the board and Chief Lamoureux be present for 10 minutes. At 4:12 pm DS Roberts joined the executive session and asked for herself and the board only to be present for 15 minutes. At 4:27 pm the executive session ended and Vice-Chairman St. Mary reconvened the regular meeting.

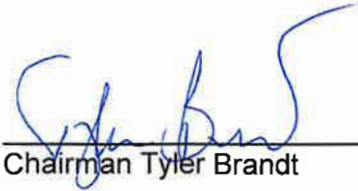
SIGNING OF DISTRICT DOCUMENTS

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

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Monday, June 8th, 2026 at 3:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business Vice-Chairman St. Mary made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:33 pm. Meeting adjourned at 4:33 pm.



Chairman Tyler Brandt



Commissioner Les Riel



Vice-Chairman Ben St. Mary

Attest:



District Secretary Katelynn M. Roberts