

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
November 28th, 2022**

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, Commission 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.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

FC Hille amend the agenda to include Annexation under Unfinished Business. Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended. Commissioner St. Mary seconded. Motion Carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Fund Balances as of October 31st, 2022

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- November 14th, 2022 Regular BOC Meeting Minutes

CLAIMS REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL

Claims Requests Fire	\$	2,861.24
Claims Requests EMS	\$	135.95
Total Claims	\$	2,997.19

CORRESPONDENCE

- Yakima County 2023 Authorization for Financial Transaction Signatories Form
- Yakima County 2023 Authorization to Waive 24 Hour Depository Requirement
- Yakima County 2023 Information for mailing and Agency Contact Form
- Yakima County 2023 Qualified Public Depository Form

CHIEF'S REPORT – None

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 2023-2028 Strategic Plan

FC Hille stated LT Erickson is working on a battery replacement schedule but would like approval on the Capital project and Apparatus replacement schedule and noted its 2022-2028. Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve the 2022-2028 Strategic plan as submitted. Commissioner Ramynke seconded. Motion carried unanimously

- Annexation

FC Hille spoke with John Sitkin to see what steps should be taken as of now. Attorney Sitkin advised that submitting a standing public records request for everything that is current and future regarding the Terrace Heights Annexation would be step one for their involvement. However, doing so really just can provoke the issue. FC Hille decided against for the time being. He would like them to review agendas and check meetings so the district is always on top of this issue. Last

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statement on the topic that was publicly know was the study estimation of cost to see what it would cost to annex Terrace Heights.

NEW BUSINESS

- ILA renewal for use of Ladder Truck between City of Yakima and Yakima County Fire District 4 effective now through December 31st, 2024

FC Hille informed the board that the ILA is just an annual renewal the only difference is that they have updated contract payment due to labor management. Every time they have assisted our department it has been on a mutual aid request, which we don't pay for, the only time it's paid is if they are toned out to come to an incident of ours. The ILA helps keep the Survey and rating score low. Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve the ILA renewal for use of Ladder Truck between City of Yakima and Yakima County Fire District 4 as submitted. Commissioner Ramynke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Riel will be attending the WFCA education committee meeting December 7th, 2022 where the discussion for spring seminars series and Chelan will be held. Commissioner Ramynke asked if NIMS 402 class could be an option for those conferences. Due to the class length of four hours Commissioner Riel advised it would be better for the Annual WFCA conference. DC Lamoureux informed the 402 class is not offered online like the others. He Will be looking into the possibility of hosting the class here in the valley. Commissioner Riel also mentioned the possibility of doing another mock board meeting and to demonstrated the hiring process for Commissioners, Chief, Deputy Chief and District Secretary. FC Hille asked Commissioner Riel to have his board colleague keep us informed on the Covid vaccination front for updates due to the education discussion at the conference lacking information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DC Lamoureux informed the board there are seven Volunteer Recruit applicants and interviews are next week, the physical agility test is scheduled for December 10th, 2022 and Recruit classes start the first weekend of January. FC Hille stated we are in the process of updating Job Descriptions to reflect the agreed upon statement for covid vaccinations but we are not asking the volunteers applicants to provide that information.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

FC Hille stated he will reach out to each volunteer who had left due to vaccination mandate to see if there is any interest in returning to the department.

FC Hille confirmed that Volunteers only need advanced first ad in order to be a volunteer. FC Hille is also still working with West Valley and Selah Fire on sharing volunteers for response numbers.

FC Hille shared that Commissioner LaDon Linde is advertising that there is a fire risk with solar farms. However, after further research on the topic FC Hille came to the conclusion that there really isn't a large fire risk. The goose prairie solar farm will be in our district and the tumble weeds could be an issue. Other than that storage facilities require suppression systems in them and they are made of concrete. A concern for solar panels is when they are removed from a house and bare wires are exposed because they are still producing power and someone could get shocked.

FC Hille informed the board instead of hosting a Christmas part he was interested in seeing who would be open to the possibly of just going to dinner at Yakima Steak House or something.

SIGNING OF DISTRICT DOCUMENTS

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

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Monday, December 12th, 2022 at 3:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business Commissioner Ramynke made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Riel seconded. The Meeting adjourned at 4:14.



Chairman Ben St. Mary



Commissioner David Ramynke



Vice-Chairman Les Riel

Attest:


District Secretary Katelynn Hogan