

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 4  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 22, 2017**

The meeting convened at 4:00 pm at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present were Chairman Les Riel, Vice-Chairman Dan McNulty, Commissioner David Ramynke, Liaison Dave Leitch, BC Rick Woodall, and District Secretary Jenifer Huitt.

Chairman Riel called the meeting to order and conducted the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as circulated.

**LIMITED OPEN PUBLIC INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA – Public comment for items that are on the agenda are allowed as the item comes up for discussion during the meeting. Please stand and be recognized by the Chair and limit your comments to three minutes.**

Chairman Riel noted no one stood to speak.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Commissioner Ramynke made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted from the April 6<sup>th</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup> meetings. Seconded and carried.

**CLAIMS REQUEST APPROVAL**

Vice-Chairman McNulty made a motion to approve the Fire claims request in the amount of \$35,994.08 and EMS \$818.43 for a total of \$36,812.51. Seconded and carried.

**SECRETARYS REPORT**

District Secretary Huitt submitted May 10<sup>th</sup> payroll costs to the Board.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**a. Spring Newsletter**

The Board approved production of the newsletter with a few minor changes and liked the new layout.

**b. Growth Mindset Training May 22<sup>nd</sup> at Station 40 CANCELLED**

Lt. Lenseigne stated it will be moved to autumn as there is a lack of interest because the busy season is upon us. The district may host the class and will look at rescheduling it in 3 months.

**c. Discuss policy change to 6.8 Accident Investigation suggested by VFIS Risk Assessment.**

This item was tabled for further documentation regarding standard or best practices from VFIS or other agencies. Lt. Lenseigne is currently updating the SOG's for the Brush Truck Front Cages and will submit it as soon as it is finished. Cascade Fire is making the closures/straps/cable chains to secure the hose lays and discharge caps. Hose bed covers take care of the single largest claim VFIS has had and our district already has hose bed covers on our trucks. Emergency Vehicle Response Safety Guidelines are already in our SOG's and have been provided to WSRB.

**d. Update on WA State Fire Training Safety & Officers Section Board – FF Abhold**  
FF Abhold submitted meeting dates, justification, and costs. The Board was all in agreement that FF Abhold be paid while attending during his regular shift and use a district vehicle if available or be reimbursed for mileage in a personal vehicle. Commissioner Ramynke made a motion to approve FF Tyler Abhold to participate and fulfill his responsibilities as a member of the Washington State Fire Training Safety & Officers Section Board. Seconded and carried.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Annual Fire Protection Coverage for Yakima Sportsman State Park

Chairman Riel made a motion to approve the agreement with Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission for fire protection coverage for 2017-2018 for Yakima Sportsman State Park. Seconded and carried.

- b. Tactical side of State MOBE responses – Lt Lenseigne

The district has not been participating since 2004. There is a need for our participation and it is a revenue generator. When a call for State MOBE Aid goes out a strike team of 5 apparatus needs to respond because the local responders dealing with the fire have depleted their resources. It is a great morale booster and gives our personnel more training and experience which aids in our succession planning. BC Woodall noted it also helps with recruitment and retention and could help staff summer positions. The Board noted past issues of being short on POC personnel but would like the new fire chief involved in the discussion since it is an operational issue.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

- a. EMS Levy Formula & Ambulance Fees

The three different formulas were discussed. The Yakima County Commissioners voted to send a letter to Yakima City Council opposing dispatch fees for the ambulance companies and the Chiefs voted to do the same. We cannot control what they decide but we can all let them know what we think about the situation. Formula 3 benefits our district the most, but all the formulas effect the entire county so there will be many more discussions on the topic as everyone strives to come up with a more balanced solution.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS - None**

**GENERAL DISCUSSION – Limited between Board and Staff – NO PUBLIC INPUT**

- BC Woodall mentioned a job well done by A Shift. They ran a code 2 weeks ago and the man is doing well and went home on Friday.

**SIGNING OF DISTRICT DOCUMENTS**

The documents were presented to the Board for their signature.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 4:00 pm.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

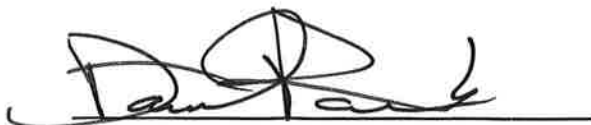
Vice-Chairman McNulty made a motion to adjourn. Seconded and carried. There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 4:46 pm.



Chairman Les Riel



Vice-Chairman Dan McNulty



Commissioner David Ramynke

ATTEST:



District Secretary Jenifer S Huitt