

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 4  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 24, 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, and Secretary Jenifer Huitt.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as amended.

**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 public attended the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Commissioner Ramynke made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted from the July 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Seconded and carried.

**CLAIMS REQUEST APPROVAL**

Vice-Chairman McNulty made a motion to approve the Fire claims request in the amount of \$57,846.58 and EMS \$15,115.83 for a total of \$72,962.41. Seconded and carried.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Secretary Huitt noted that Engine 40 should be back in service with the new motor on Wednesday July 26<sup>th</sup>. WFCAs has sent confirmation of the 5% increase in health care premium rates for 2 of the plans our district offers in 2018 the other 3 plans will remain at their current rates. All district employees that currently have health care have been notified of the changes and it has been 4 years since the last increase. Several community members sent thank you notes to the Firefighters for their service.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**a. Update and status on new engine**

Chairman Riel called for the status on Command 40 which is due to be replaced this year and Engine 40 which is due in 2018. Secretary Huitt stated this vehicle is for the chief so replacement was delayed until the new chief started so he could participate in the selection. Lieutenant Evers said the initial spec has been done on Engine 40 but does not believe it has gone out to bid yet. The Board would like the new chief to review and approve the specs and get it out to bid ASAP and would also like the replacement schedule to be updated.

**b. Update on WSRB draft evaluation.**

Items were discussed that could improve our rating which include automatic aid with a ladder truck, documentation in ERS on training/public education/pre-fires. The Board requested the due date be extended if possible since our new chief has not started yet.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a. New EMS formula**

After discussion the Board would like to see 80-88.5% of the EMS funds go directly to the district it is collected in and 11.5% go to administration to make it more balanced for our communities and possibly having a 3 step implementation process to help decrease the impact on any one district and would like to see it start on January 1, 2018. Commissioner Ramynke will attend the EMS meeting on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Chairman Riel stated the Yakima County Commissioners Dinner Meeting is set for the Nile on August 17<sup>th</sup> and he will not be able to attend.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS - None**

**DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORTS – None**

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

**a. Evaluations for career Lieutenants**

The Board would like the career Lieutenants to prepare self evaluations for June 2016 through July 2017 and then the Board will set up a review.

**b. Mutual Aid July 21-24**

Lt Goldsmith stated he and BC Woodall both helped with a Department of Defense fire that ended up being 24,650 acres burned and 406 personnel.

**c. State Mobilization Fires with POC Recruit/Probationary Firefighter pay**

After discussion the Board said we need to discuss pay scales and changing policy if warranted and follow our set policy for the recent fires.

**SIGNING OF DISTRICT DOCUMENTS**

The documents were signed by the Board.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Monday, August 14<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 4:51 pm.



Chairman Les Riel

*excused absence*

Vice-Chairman Dan McNulty



Commissioner David Ramynke

ATTEST:



District Secretary Jenifer S Huitt