

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 4  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
July 5, 2016**

The meeting convened at 3:01 pm at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present were Commissioner Chairman Les Riel, Vice-Chairman Dan McNulty, Commissioner David Ramynke, and Temp District Secretary Jenifer Huitt. Others present were Lt Trevor Lenseigne, Lt Keith Schrank, Lt Ryan Evers, and FF DJ Goldsmith. Bob Merritt was unable to attend.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved and the meeting continued.

**OPEN DISCUSSION IMMEDIATE AND FUTURE NEEDS**

Lt Lenseigne believes things are going well. Chairman Riel has spoken with the City of Yakima and they suggest using the second alarm as much as needed. Chief Leitch will be at staff meetings and can be called if operational or personnel issues arise. Commissioner Ramynke would like the needs assessment to take place so our chief's position, organizational structure, and future can be planned.

Opinions or Ideas to Consider

- Filling the dayshift position, getting 2 firefighters staffed at Station 42 on 48/96 shift
- Increasing taxes or Levy Lid Lift to pay for increased staffing and future needs, Survey Monkey
- Automatic aid on structure fires to shave off 5-10 min on response time
- Take chief's position slow so we don't end up in the same situation
- More Volunteers needed as our numbers have dwindled
- Upward mobility for Lieutenants to Captain and Battalion Chief positions
- Volunteer positions should not go above Lieutenant to eliminate potential conflicts
- Regional Fire Authority, Merge with another District, Consolidate

Chairman Riel continued the meeting.

**DISTRICT SECRETARY POSITION: JOB DESCRIPTION, ADVERTISEMENT, AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE HIRING PROCESS**

Chairman Riel tabled this issue until the next special meeting on 7/11/16 at 2:00 pm and continued the meeting.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Ramynke asked what the policy or chain-of-command looks like for the Volunteer members and if Chief Leitch will need to meet with them too. The Secretary will look at current policy regarding this issue. Chairman Riel continued the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, Vice-Chair McNulty made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Ramynke seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 4:21 pm.

  
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Chairman Les Riel

  
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Vice-Chairman Dan McNulty

  
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Commissioner David Ramynke

ATTEST:

  
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Temp District Secretary Jenifer Huitt