

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 4  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
August 22, 2016**

The meeting convened at 3:00 pm at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present were Commissioner Chairman Les Riel, Vice-Chairman Dan McNulty, Commissioner David Ramynke, and District Secretary Jenifer Huitt. Others present were YCFD12 Chief Dave Leitch, Lt Ryan Evers, FF Victor Nelson, and FF Eric Love.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved and the meeting continued.

**BRIEFING FROM CHIEF LEITCH REFERENCING HIS ACTIVITIES WITH THE DISTRICT.**

Chief Leitch has no recommendations yet as he is just getting to know the district. He has had an officer meeting with the three career Lieutenants and met with the rest of staff at a drill. A log is being kept each time the staff is met with or talked to. Time and money has been saved by hiring Jenifer and she is doing a good job and has the backing of the staff. The EVFD staff is impressive and handling things well. Leadership did call during the Range 12 fire, State MOBE was requested and denied, and there were no injuries. Lt Evers stated he was told that since the fire began on, and the majority of the Range 12 fire was on BLM land that BLM would take care of it. Chairman Riel has spoken with Rep Taylor and it was suggested that in mid November "no man's land" be discussed. Chief Leitch would like sideboards with the Board of Commissioners, and the concerns of the staff looked at and worked through. The following options were discussed:

- Hiring a new chief
- Opening new positions of Captain or Battalion Chief
- Recruiting/Training Volunteers with all Upper Valley fire districts
- Policy on Duty Officer response with different apparatus
- Need for daily or regular help at Station 40 since we are under manned

The Board agrees that an internal needs assessment needs to be done and dealt with and would like Chief Leitch to begin this process. Chairman Riel continued the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 3:47 pm Chairman Riel dismissed the Board into executive session under 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 for 10 minutes and invited Dave Leitch to attend.

At 3:57 pm Chairman Riel called the meeting back to order and reported that employment with Chief Leitch was discussed and the chief would contact the Secretary at a later date about it. Chairman Riel continued the meeting.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

There were no comments and 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 3:58 pm.



Chairman Les Riel

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District Secretary Jenifer Huitt