

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 4  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

The meeting convened at 4:00 pm at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present via Zoom video conference were: Commissioner David Ramynke, Commissioner Ben St. Mary, Commissioner Les Riel, and Fire Chief Mark Emery. Those present on-site were: Captain Andy Babcock, Captain Ryan Evers, Admin Director Jenifer Huitt, and Admin Assistant Christy Olson.

Chairman Ramynke called the meeting to order and conducted the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The consent agenda was approved as submitted and the meeting continued.

**CONSOLIDATION OF REGULAR BUSINESS**

**a. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

- Signature needed for lost receipt affidavit of \$76.66 and the 4" Fire Line Water Permit of \$13,330.00
- Certificates of Appreciation from the Chief have been sent to ACE Hardware and Kathleen Zapel for their donations of PPE

**b. PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

- January 13<sup>th</sup> 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes
- January 27<sup>th</sup> 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes
- February 10<sup>th</sup> 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes
- April 13<sup>th</sup> 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes

**c. CLAIMS REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL**

Claims Request Fire	\$149,602.44
Claims Request EMS	<u>\$ 4,013.37</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$153,615.81</b>

**d. CORRESPONDENCE**

- Yakima County Elections Division 2019 Election Costs - \$12,348.14
- Emergency Reporting System will have a possible increase (up to 15% or \$45) in September
- WFCM Chelan Conference has been cancelled for 2020

**e. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**

**f. CHIEF'S BRIEF – None**

Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve items **a** through **f** on the consent agenda. Seconded and carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a.** Resolution 2020-05 Transferring \$123,729.97 from Capital Project Fund 602046 to General Expense Fund 602041
- b.** Additional cost for Station 42 for electrical wiring data and TV jacks; Total cost \$2,880.15

Commissioner Riel made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-05. Seconded and carried. The submission for the electrical wiring at Station 42 is for information only. This is a small works project with Titan Electrical that was approved by the Station 42 Project Committee.

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**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Riel reported that there was a WFCAs state board meeting via conference call. The Chelan conference for June of 2020 has been cancelled and all reservations will be moved to 2021. At this time the WFCAs Fall Conference in Spokane is still expected to happen and Commissioner Riel would like everyone to fill out the upcoming survey suggesting possible improvements, topics or classes, and entertainment. Chairman Ramynke would like the proposed legal topic for the cancelled June seminar to be addressed at the Fall conference if possible.

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

COVID19: Chairman Ramynke asked about member morale due to the current pandemic, and stated he and others were feeling disconnected. Captain Evers stated that some of the Part-Time-Paid Volunteers are feeling stressed and disconnected lately as well. Chief Emery said he was just following the advice of the CDC and governor as to when the Academy and PTP members could resume regular activity, and a big concern is that anyone can be asymptomatic and still spread the virus. Chief Emery also raised concern that when the governor releases younger adults to be more social, people over 60 will still need to isolate as much as possible. Commissioner Riel noted that there are many more positive cases with the younger adults.

Station 42 Remodel: Chief Emery asked for an update on where we are with the Station 42 permit for the fire sprinkler line and Commissioner Riel asked the Chief to follow up with Inland Fire and find out what still needs to be done.

Prothman Hiring Search: Chairman Ramynke asked AD Huitt to get an update on the Fire Chief search through Prothman.

EVFD Recruit Fire Academy: Captain Babcock stated the Academy is in a holding pattern for now due to the pandemic. He would like the Academy to finish before fire season begins, but we will have to see how it goes for now.

Training Center Offer during 2020 Fire Season: Captain Evers let everyone know that BC Goldsmith with the Training Center expressed a willingness to send their Training Center-based aircraft out immediately to any fires on the north side of Hwy 24 and, if there is justification for the south side of Hwy 24, like a strong southerly wind, it could be dispatched to assist there as well.

**SIGNING OF DISTRICT DOCUMENTS**

*Note: All documents approved at this meeting will be signed by the Board after WA State Governor's Proclamation 20-28 has been lifted.*

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 4:00 pm.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business Chairman Ramynke adjourned the meeting at 4:21 pm.

  
Chairman David Ramynke

  
Commissioner Les Riel

Attest:

  
Vice-Chairman Ben St. Mary

  
District Secretary Jenifer S Huitt