

**YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 10th, 2023**

The meeting convened at 3:30 pm at East Valley Fire Station 40. Those present at Station 40 were, Chairman Ben St. Mary, Commissioner Riel, Commissioner David Ramynke, Fire Chief Dale Hille and Deputy Fire Chief Ray Lamoureux, District Secretary Katelynn Hogan, Administrative Assistant Morgan Frost and Lieutenant CJ Erickson.

Commissioner Riel called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Riel lead in the pledge of allegiance.

LIMITED OPEN PUBLIC INPUT for items NOT on the Agenda – Public comment for items that are on the agenda are allowed as the item comes up for discussion during the meeting.

Commissioner St. Mary noted there was no public input at this time.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve the agenda as circulated. Commissioner Ramynke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- July 07, 2023 Payroll

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES - None

CLAIMS REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL

Claims Requests Fire	\$	103,067.00
Claims Requests EMS	\$	<u>4,163.03</u>
Total Claims	\$	107,230.03

CORRESPONDANCE

- BVFF Reimbursement Invoice Voucher for Volunteer Pension credits

CHIEF'S REPORT – Attached

Commissioner Riel made a motion to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Commissioner Ramynke seconded. Motion carried unanimously

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Annexation

At this time there is no new information. So far, we have 31 people signed up for the seminar on July 18th to learn more about the potential Regional Fire Authority (RFA).

- Levy Lid Lift

FC Hille informed the board that he needs to get a timeline put together for an August 11th 2024 election date. Commissioner Riel also asked if FC Hille would check into what time of year the schools do their election and the district can do the opposite of that.

NEW BUSINESS

- Immediate Hire

FC Hille informed the board that the district had a meeting with the union and they are preparing to put out an immediate hire with the commissioner's approval. The department will send out a flyer to all the districts within Yakima County, Benton and Kittitas County as well. FC Hille also informed the board that there are 14 people on the National Testing Network list that the department could send a letter to directly. The department would be conducting the firefighter combat challenge for any new applicants. Members from the NTN list wouldn't have to do the

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challenge as long as they have the appropriate certifications and their EMT, red card certifications. If hired, during their probationary year they would do the combat challenge once a quarter until they pass. FC Hille also informed the board that with one employee leaving and another out on medical leave, the department is short staffed on C-Shift and will need to move some employees around to have sufficient coverage.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Riel informed the board that Saturday July 8th, the WFCA had an executive meeting about the increases in healthcare for 2024. Medical will go up 6% and dental 2%.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Greenway Fire District Boundaries

Yakima City Deputy Chief DJ Goldsmith informed FC Hille that the river has changed geographically and East Valley departments now have more responsibility over greenway calls. FC Hille noted that the department will be coming up with a HIPAA agreement for all current and new employees regarding iSpy Fire, as this information should not be shared with district personnel families/friends or the public. DC Lamoureux informed the board that the hydrant painting project is starting to wind down and all that is left is to contact private agencies about gaining access to finish those hydrants.

SIGNING OF DISTRICT DOCUMENTS

Due to all Commissioners attending the meeting in person, district documents were approved and signed after the meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Monday, July 24th, 2023 at 3:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business Commissioner Riel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:16pm. Commissioner Ramynke seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:16pm.



Chairman Ben St. Mary



Vice-Chairman Les Riel



Commissioner David Ramynke

Attest:


District Secretary Katelynn Hogan